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Comment Of The Day

Exhibition Ground Wanted

ANOTHER exhibition of Hongkong products opens tomorrow, in less than two acres of land in Kowloon a cross-section of what the Colony produces goes on view to the public and to overseas traders. This is an important exhibition but why, year after year, do so many displays have to be squashed into such a confined space? Why do the size of displays have to be limited? Is there not a bigger exhibition ground available?

What Hongkong lacks in its busy central area is a large wide open space which could be permanently set aside for exhibitions. It need not be in Hongkong. A report has recently gone to Government on the question of moving the Tsimshatsui railway station to Hung Hom. If the move is made the land be kept open. It is valuable but it would be wrong to build on it.

Let Government turn it into an exhibition park. The Arts Festival could move over there. So could the next watch and clock exhibition. And the Police Force Exhibition. When it is not wanted for anything particular, open the ground to Chinese opera companies or let government departments hold night exhibitions on things like domestic hygiene, road safety, the evils of drug addiction. The Aberdeen Fisheries exhibition could take over the ground at Chinese New Year. The Stone Age remains found on Lantau could be shown there. The virtue of an exhibition ground in this area is that it is central. This is what Hongkong needs.

Too Far?

IT looks as if General de Gaulle has got more than he bargained for in the new National Assembly. Despite the 188 seats his own supporters collected — making them by far the biggest single group — the centre and the moderate left on which he was relying to push through vital legislation on Algeria has been virtually swept away by the massive swing to the right. The electoral system was framed to favour the Socialists yet its representation has been slashed from 100 to 40 seats.

De Gaulle even went so far as to redraw the electoral boundaries of M. Mendès-France's constituency of Louviers to ensure his reelection as leader of the opposition. But Mendès-France went on with a host of others of the "old gang", and today the General must be seriously assessing his chances of pushing through his liberal plans for reform in Algeria against a possible solid opposition of 183 Conservative Deputies.

For behind the Conservatives and 70 deputies from Algeria in the Army, re-elected in its determination to make no concessions to the nationalists. The pledge that the Army has tacitly given that it will keep out of politics has so far been kept; but there are fears that the Algerian problem will provoke a collision. De Gaulle's first test will come soon.

RUSSIA'S SPACE MISSILE SHOT REPORTED TO HAVE PASSED MARS STRANGE SIGNALS FROM SPACE

'Very Similar To Sputnik's Beep Beep'

Washington, Dec. 2. Mysterious new man-made signals have been picked up from outer space, it was revealed by scientists at the Lockheed Missile tracking station in California today.

This announcement was made after Erick Bergaust, Norwegian-born rocket and missile expert, said here that the Russians had within the past two weeks fired a missile which "passed the moon and went on out beyond Mars."

Bergaust, editor of Missiles and Rockets magazine, told the Ad Club of Pittsburgh that U.S. scientists had tracked the missile "on" radios for three days.

Unexplained

The Lockheed scientists said the new "unexplained" signal was picked up for more than 10 minutes beginning on November 26. It was "very similar to but not the same as the teletype signal from Sputnik I," the scientists said.

Lockheed said the signal was definitely a man-made instrument in outer space, rather than a signal caused by natural phenomena such as have often been heard at the tracking station. It was a three-step transmitter (one received on a frequency of 20,003 megacycles).

It was highly unlikely, the scientists said, that the tone could have come from any of the Russian or U.S. satellites known to be in space. The signal heard last Wednesday had a "different character," they said. It was similar to that from the first Soviet Sputnik which is known to have fallen back into the atmosphere and been destroyed.

Lockheed said a report on the mysterious signal was turned over to the Air Research Development Command. The scientists would not elaborate on what kind of outer-space instrument may have given of the signal.—U.P.I.

U.S. Army May Shoot For Sun This Week

Washington, Dec. 2. The United States Army may launch a "sun rocket" this week, informed sources said today.

The aim of the rocket would be to place an artificial "planet" of about 30 pounds around the sun, avoiding the moon, the sources said. The "planet" would be equipped with instruments for the measurement of special radiations.

Junon II

He said the "planet" would be launched by a four-stage Jupiter intermediate-range rocket, and that there would be a 50 per cent chance of success.

The informed U.S. review Missiles and Rockets, in a recent article, said the sun rocket would be called "Junon II."

Russian Spies Coming Through HK?

Washington, Dec. 2. The Senate Internal Security sub-committee said today it would hold hearings tomorrow afternoon on the matter of Russian spies in Hong Kong.

Similar hearings, held in the past, have been for the purpose of finding out whether or not active Russian agents have been using the refugee route through Hong Kong to infiltrate into other countries.

It was not announced who will be tomorrow's witnesses.—U.P.I.

WALLACE NOW ACTS AS VILLAIN IN NEW FILM



John Wallace (left) and Vince Edwards.—China Mail Photo.

By Tony Myatt

John Wallace, popular Hongkong radio compere has a starring role in "The Scavengers," a film at present being shot in the Colony.

Love Story

"The Scavengers" is an international love story and stars popular Hollywood actor Vince Edwards as the hero.

Mr. Edwards plays an ex-flyer whose wife, played by Carol Ohmart, has disappeared and is believed living in Macao and Hongkong. She is involved with a group of smugglers, however, and though he tries desperately to get her back, she refuses to return to him.

Then comes an affair with a Eurasian girl, played by Tamara Beneny, who in real life is a dancer on the American stage.

SNEAKED CIGARETTE CAUSE OF CHICAGO HORROR?

Chicago, Dec. 2. A schoolboy who sneaked a forbidden cigarette may be the unwitting "arsonist" who touched off the fire which killed 87 children and three nuns at Our Lady of the Angels Parochial School.

This was the theory today of police and fire department squads investigating Chicago's worst fire in 55 years, a holocaust which swept the two-story brick building yesterday and shocked the nation and the world.

CITY OF MOURNING

The horror and pathos of the fire mounted as Chicago became a city in mourning. There were these developments:

★ Five of the 100 children injured, 82 of them still in hospital, were not expected to live.

★ The possibility arose that the death count might really be 91. Only three bodies remained unidentified at the county morgue, awaiting X-rays in an attempt to give them names. But four of the school's children were missing. Police said the extra missing child had wandered from the school in a state of shock and was being cared for by someone living in the neighbourhood.

★ The Chicago Archdiocese announced that Archbishop Albert George Meyer will preside at mass funeral services for the 87 dead children in a National Guard Armory on Friday. The church will bury the 83 girls and 34 boys, aged 9 to 15, together in the Holy

Innocents section of the Queen of Heaven Cemetery if their parents wish.

★ Mayor Richard J. Daley ordered all flags drawn to half mast on city buildings until the funeral. Appeals went out for donations of money and blood, although so many blood donors volunteered some had to be turned away. A city-wide day of mourning was to be declared.

Police had all but ruled out the possibility that the fire was deliberately touched off by a deranged arsonist who somehow crept into the school.

But their suspicions mounted that some teenage boy had ducked beneath the stairwell, tossed a few puffs on a cigarette, and tossed it into a cardboard container stuffed with discarded examination papers before returning to his class.

SUSPICIOUS

Police Sgt. Drew Brown, head of the Arson Squad, which began intensive questioning of boys who had been assigned by their teachers to carry waste paper from classrooms to the litter bins near a stairwell.

By nightfall, he had found a few boys who confessed to smoking outside the school, but none who would admit lighting up a cigarette by the stairwell yesterday.—U.P.I.



CAROL OHMART John Beats Her Up

John Wallace, plays the villain-in-chief in the film. He beats up many people, including Miss Ohmart and the hero. Also starring in the film is Philippine actor Efran Reyes, who won the best actor award in the Far East recently.

The film is directed by John Cromwell, who has also directed "Algiers" (Charles Boyer and Ingrid Bergman), "Prisoner of Zenda," "Anna and the King of Siam," "Caged," (Eleanor Parker) and recently, "The Goddess," which is already up for an Academy award.

Vince Edwards had a small part in "The Three Faces of Eve" and has starred in "Hit and Run," "Serenade" and was in the Broadway Musical, "High Button Shoes." He has completed two films yet to be released called "Murder by Contract" and "City of Fear."

March Release

Carol Ohmart has starred in "Home on Haunted Hill" with Vincent Price, "The Scarlet Hour," "The Wild Party," shown in Hongkong recently and has been on stage in Kismet. The actual locale for "The Scavengers" is in Hongkong and Macao, the interiors will be shot in Manila.

The film will be released sometime in March next year.

Grotewohl Nominated For Prime Minister

Berlin, Dec. 2. The Central Committee of the East German Socialist Unity (Communist) Party today unanimously nominated Herr Otto Grotewohl for re-election as Prime Minister. It was announced.

This follows reports in West Germany yesterday that Grotewohl was ill and may not be re-elected. Premier.—Reuter.

MP Accuses Peking Of Rice Dumping

London, Dec. 2. A Conservative Member of Parliament, Mr Robert Turton, said tonight China was using a rice surplus to break the economy of other Asian countries.

Speaking in the House of Commons of a recent visit to the Far East, he said: "Wherever I went, whether in Hongkong or Ceylon, I found great evidence of a concerted action by the Chinese and Russian Governments to break the economy of the free world by underpricing and by economic war."

HK Fishermen

Hongkong fishermen, he added, were unable to put to sea because of the fear of Chinese gunboats and the fact that the Chinese were underpricing them in the markets.

Mr Turton said that the Chinese were having their livelihood demolished through the dumping of Chinese rice, which was being sold well below the cost of production.

The textile workers were losing their markets—especially in Indonesia—to Communist China through underpricing.

Lancashire, he said, feared the competition of Hongkong. "But I can assure Lancashire and the free world that they will have to fear much more the underpricing of Communist China in all the textile markets in Europe and elsewhere," he said.

Mr Turton was speaking in a debate on the recent Commonwealth Economic Conference at Montreal.

Chinese Shirts

Mr Hervey Rhodes (Labour) said that while in the Far East recently he bought three shirts of almost comparable quality as samples, one in Japan and two in Hongkong.

The one in Tokyo cost 26 shillings, one Hongkong shirt was 15 shillings and the other, made in China, cost five shillings and three pence. He wondered whether that would be the pattern of other consumer goods industries.

Mr Rhodes said China was emerging as one of the largest producers of raw cotton in the world.

Of his visit to Hongkong, he said the cotton trade there, with its "drive, vitality and know-how," had no need to exploit anybody.

If it would realise it could do better by raising the standards of its work people in hours or wages, it would do "a tremendous service to labour conditions in Asia and remove a good deal of the stigma"—Reuter.

SINGAPORE CAN STILL BUY RED GOODS

Singapore, Dec. 2. Singapore traders believe they can get Communist Chinese goods through Hongkong if they pay in sterling or Hongkong dollars.

A week ago, China stopped its exports to Singapore and Malaysia—supposedly because of recent Malaysian Government measures against low-cost Chinese cement and textiles.

A leading importer said he understood that although China would no longer accept Straits currency, orders could be placed in Hongkong.

This would mean, however, more money for freight handling and commission for Hongkong agents.—Reuter.

UAR Charge

Gaza, Dec. 2. The United Arab Republic charged that four Israeli planes violated Gaza air space for half an hour today.

The UAR protested the alleged violation to the United Nations mixed-armistice commission here.—U.P.I.

The World's Shabbiest Dressed Men... Britons

London, Dec. 2. British men, amongst the shabbiest in the world, are becoming internationally known as "Mister Baggy Trousers."

The Wholesale Clothing Manufacturers Federation stated this today in announcing a new campaign to make men more clothes conscious.

The campaign will have the support of the man known as Britain's "No. 1 boss"—Sir Richard Powell, Director-General of the Institute of Directors—who, the federation

said, will never employ a shabbily-dressed person. "Somebody who is untidy in his dress is probably untidy in his mind as well," Sir Richard Powell, one of the country's best dressed men, is reported to have said.

The federation estimated that ten per cent of all British men are invariably badly dressed and

rough in manners and speech. Some 20 per cent are "rather scruffy" and 40 per cent "reasonably neat and tidy." Only ten per cent are "perfectly turned out."

Many men failed to realise that they miss promotion because of baggy trousers or an old raincoat, it stated.—China Mail Special.

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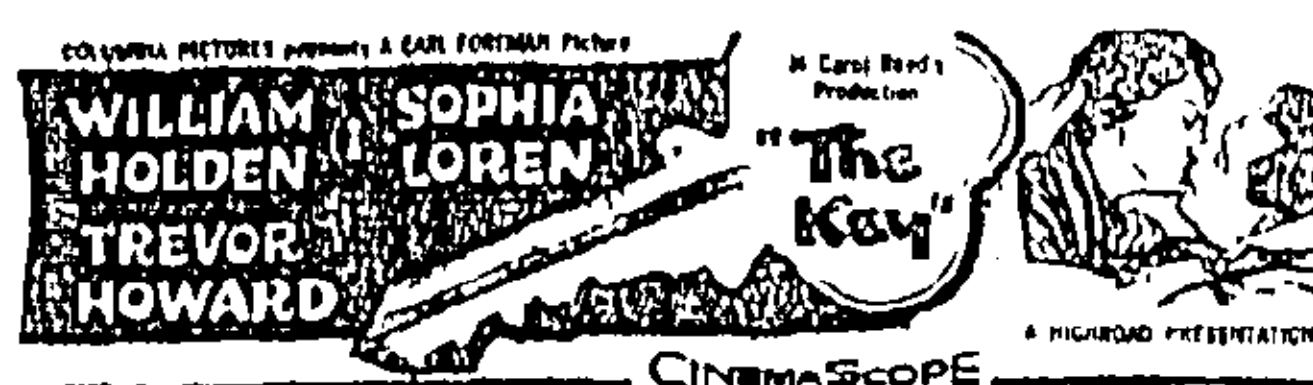
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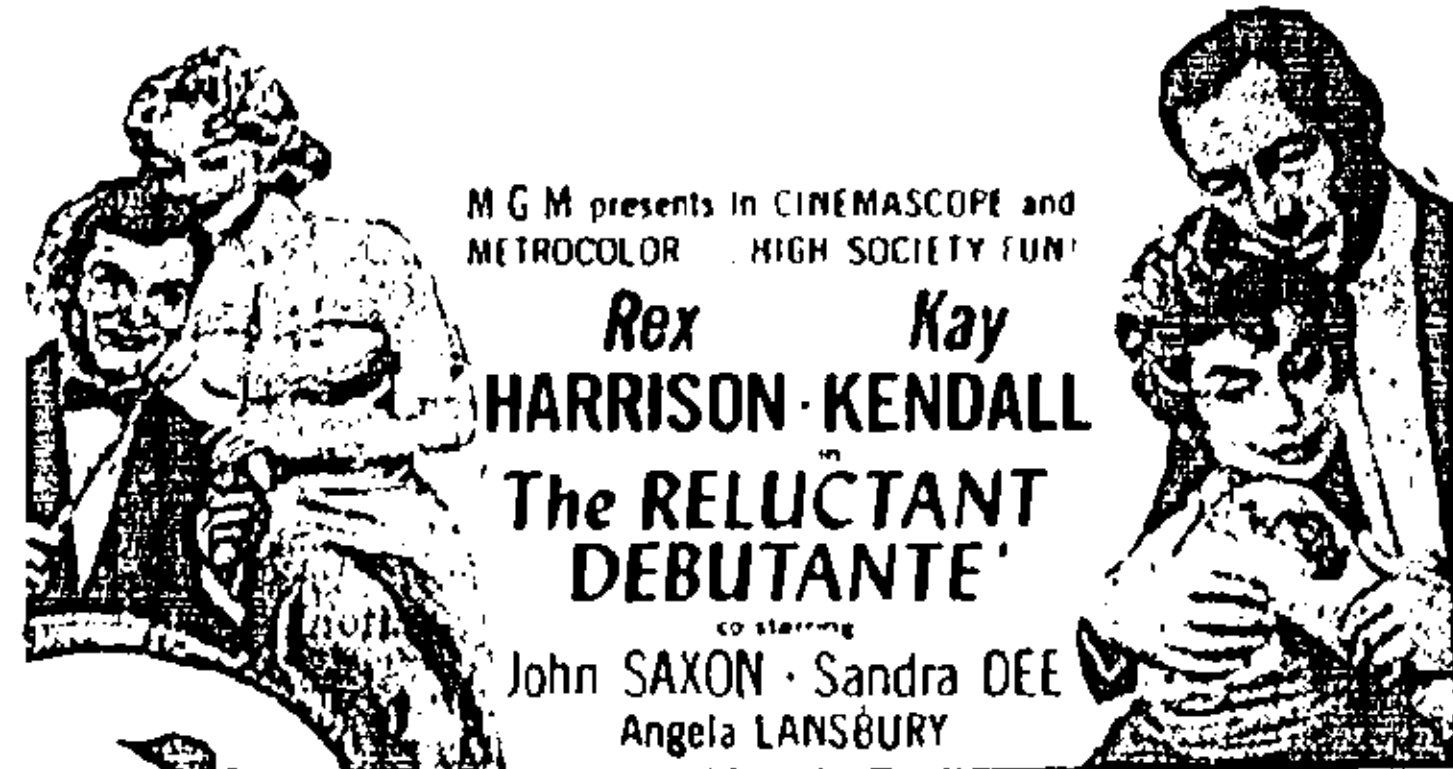


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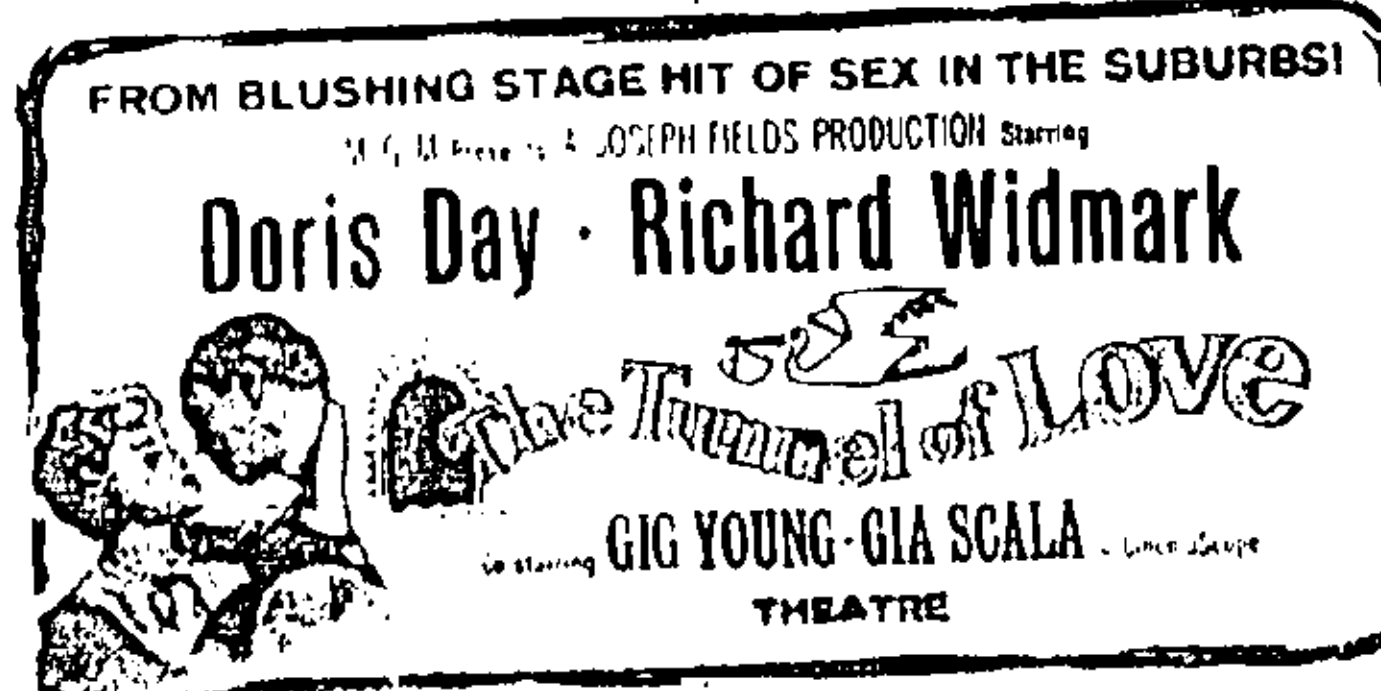
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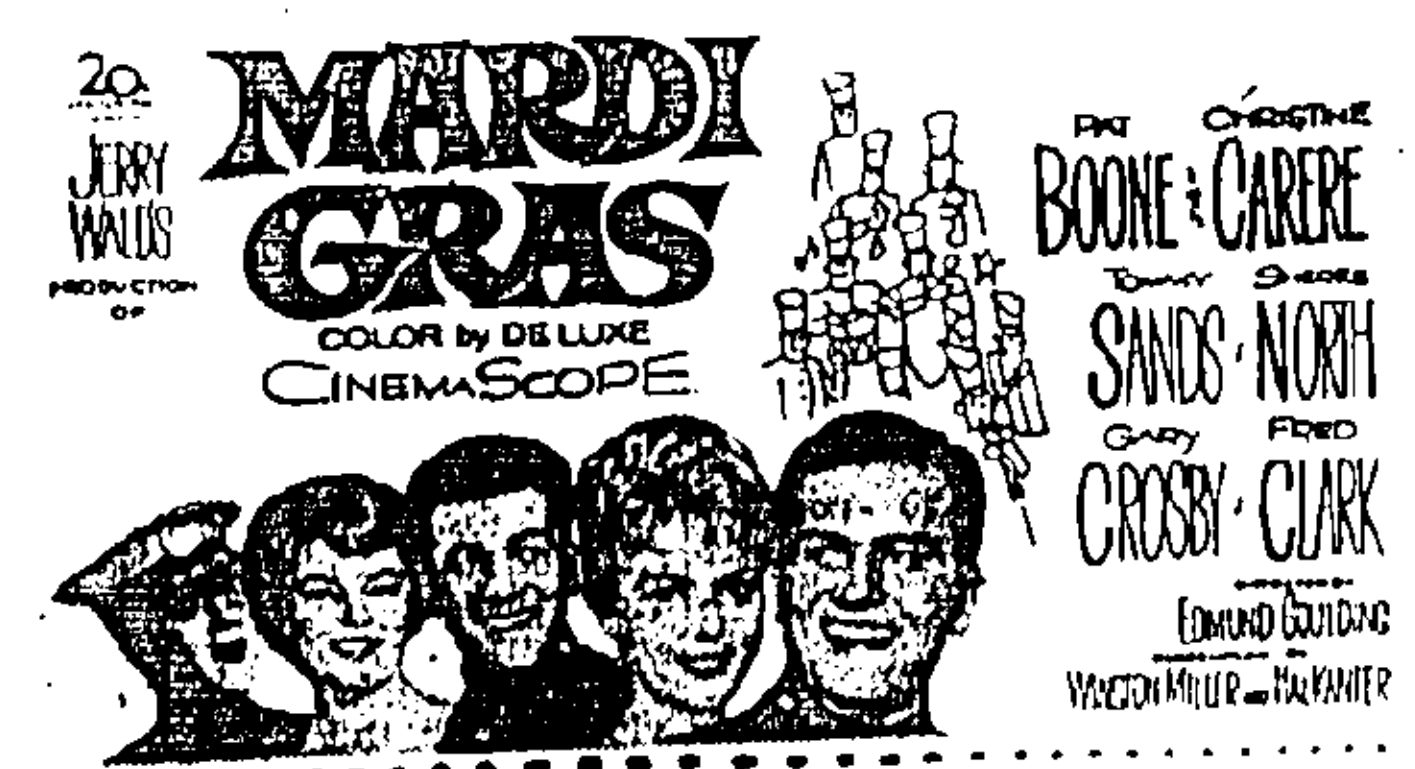


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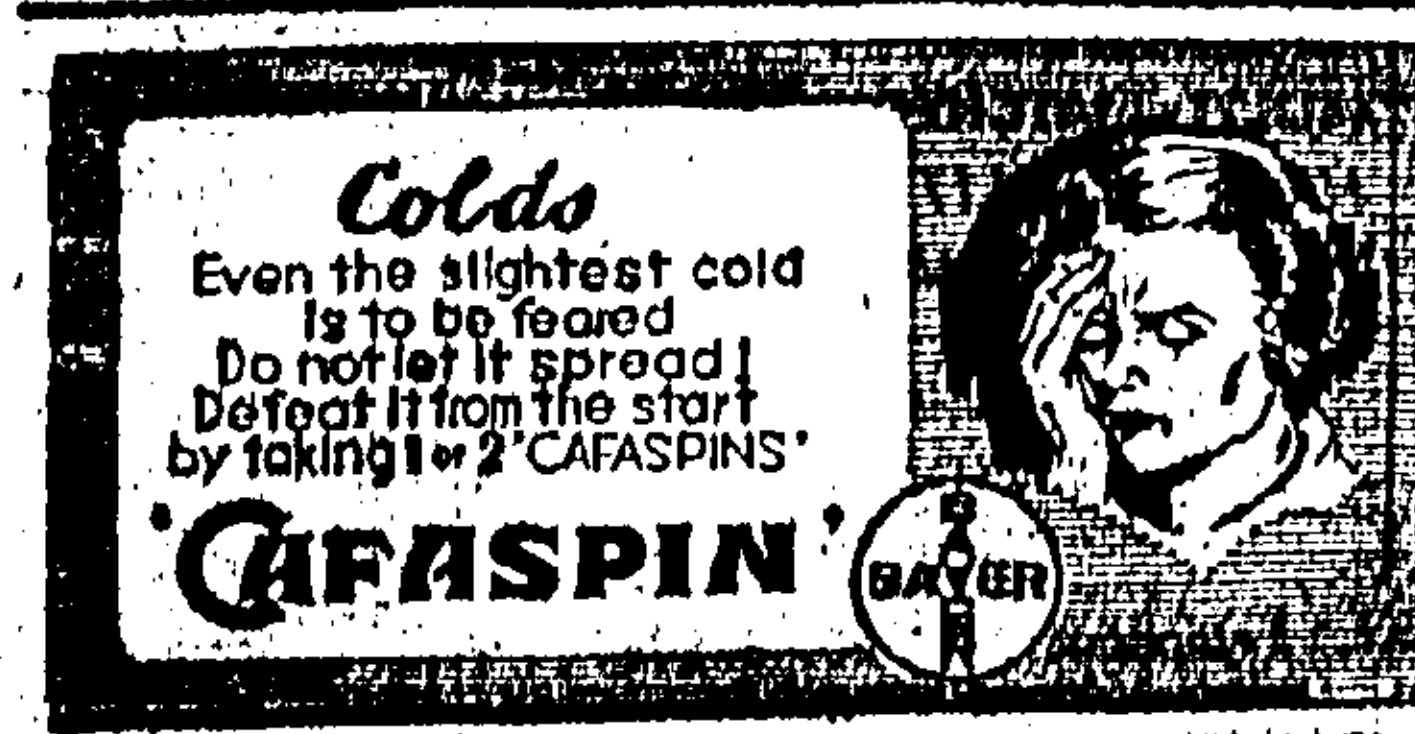
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U.S. Attacks Broadcast Interference

RED "BABBLE RADIO" JAMMED ITS OWN LEADERS

United Nations, Dec. 2.
The United States charged today that the Soviet Union plays at co-existence while jamming foreign radio broadcasts and censoring foreign newspapers and dispatches.
American delegate George Harrison, who made the charge in the General Assembly's main Political Committee, said the number of Soviet jamming stations rose from about a dozen in 1948 to 2,500 this year.

These stations are now one of the world's biggest networks with a capital investment of about \$250,000,000 and annual running expenses of some \$100,000,000, Harrison added.

Harrison said the Soviet network cost five or six times more than all the broadcasting of the Voice of America in all languages to all parts of the world. Yet the Soviet network broadcasts "nothing but meaningless noise," he said.

Jammed Mr K.

Harrison said Soviet stations even jammed speeches by Soviet leaders Nikita Khrushchev and Nikolai Bulganin which the British Broadcasting Corporation broadcast during their trip to Britain in 1956.
The Soviet Union even jammed Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko's statements broadcast by the United Nations, Harrison asserted.
Harrison said an American newsman stationed in Moscow was prevented by Soviet censorship from filing the text of an article on France's General Charles de Gaulle in the Soviet encyclopaedia. — France-Press.

Fuchs Honoured

Berlin, Dec. 2.
Sir Vivian Fuchs, head of the British expedition which completed the first land crossing of the Antarctic early this year, today received a gold medal from the Berlin Geographical Society to mark a "great human achievement and scientific deed." — Reuter.

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Doze Disease Saves Fat Man From Trial

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 2.
"Sloppy" Joe Bellinger, 425-pound fat man, was excused from trial on gambling charges today because he has an uncontrollable tendency to doze off under stress.

Attorney Mr Ralph Crawford obtained a postponement at least until the next term of City Court because Bellinger's "Pickwickian Syndrome" makes it impossible for him to stay awake while being questioned. Bellinger's own physician and one appointed by Judge Columbus E. Alexander explained the syndrome, which afflicts some extremely fat people, resulting from a kind of "drowsiness" in their own carbon dioxide.

Bellinger, 41, like "fat Joe" in Charles Dickens' Pickwick Papers, who gave the syndrome its name, just doesn't have lungs big enough for his body and under stress may fall asleep or even die.

Dozed Off

Mr Crawford said he first noticed Bellinger's condition when he tried to question him and prepare a defence after Bellinger was picked up by city detectives last month.
"He would doze off in the middle of a sentence," Crawford told Solicitor-General Sylvan Garfunkel. "I cannot prepare my defence."

Mr Garfunkel asked the physicians if there was any way Bellinger could be brought to trial but they could think of no reasonable one other than getting him to reduce his weight.
"He could be tried if you kept him on his feet and moving around constantly," one physician said. "But if you tried to put him in the witness chair, he'd fall asleep."

"If he were convicted, he probably couldn't be put in jail in his condition." — U.P.I.

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Princess Grace In Mink

Princess Rainier of Monaco and Princess Grace held a Press conference when they arrived at Idlewild Airport, New York, late last month. The former movie queen (above) wore a mink coat,

green turban and brown suede shoes for her arrival on a short U.S. visit. The couple left their two children at home because the younger child is too young to travel. — U.P.I. Telephoto.

Car Wheel Nuts Loosened In Murder Attempt

—HUSBAND ALLEGES

London, Dec. 2.
A 54-year-old woman was accused here today of inciting a man 30 years her junior to kill her husband by loosening a wheel of his car.

The wife, Mrs Julia Arnold, and Peter Triggs were sent for trial at the Old Bailey, Central Criminal Court.

The wife was charged with inciting Triggs to murder Maurice Arnold, a taxi driver. Triggs was charged with attempting to cause the husband grievous bodily harm and with assaulting him. He was also charged with incurring a debt of £6 by fraud and with making a false statement under the Perjury Act.

The prosecution told the Magistrates Court today that Triggs went to lodge with the Arnolds last March.
Mr Arnold made several attempts to persuade the man to leave but he did not do so until November 8.

This seemed to infuriate Mrs Arnold and, counsel alleged, she then incited Triggs to tamper with the car.
Mr Arnold did not use the car for several days. Six days after Triggs had left, his wife told him what had been done. Examining the car he found four nuts of a front wheel had been loosened to the last thread and the hub cap replaced.

"There is no doubt that if he had driven that car he would have had an accident," Counsel stated. — China Mail Special.

"Britain Is America's Top Nuclear Competitor"

Los Angeles, Dec. 2.
Mr Kelly McBean, a U.S. nuclear fissile expert, said in a speech here today that Britain, not Russia, is the United States' chief competitor in the atomic power field.

Mr McBean, head of the nuclear division of an engineering firm, said American leaders had been pointing at Russia as the main competitor in the field.

"This was betting on the wrong horse in the race," Mr McBean declared.
"The United Kingdom is in a stronger position. It early decided on a reactor type and pressed it to a maximum programme of power output. Britain will far outdistance us in nuclear kilowatts in the 1960s." — Reuter.

Lim's New Coalition

Singapore, Dec. 2.
The Singapore Chief Minister, Mr Lim Yew Hock, tonight announced that his government would in future be a coalition of the Peoples Alliance, the United Malays' National Organisation, and the Malay Chinese Association.
Mr Lim recently dissolved his Moderate Socialist Labour Front Party to set up the alliance, which has attracted members from inside and outside the Labour Front.

Timely Test

Capetown, Dec. 2.
Mr S. Odendaal, a municipal electrician in Petrus Steyn, Orange Free State, was repairing power lines when he accidentally grasped live wires with both hands.
For a few seconds the high voltage current flowed through his body—then another electrician flicked a switch in the local power station to carry out some periodic tests. The current to Mr Odendaal's section was cut off and he fell to the ground, unconscious but not seriously injured. — China Mail Special.

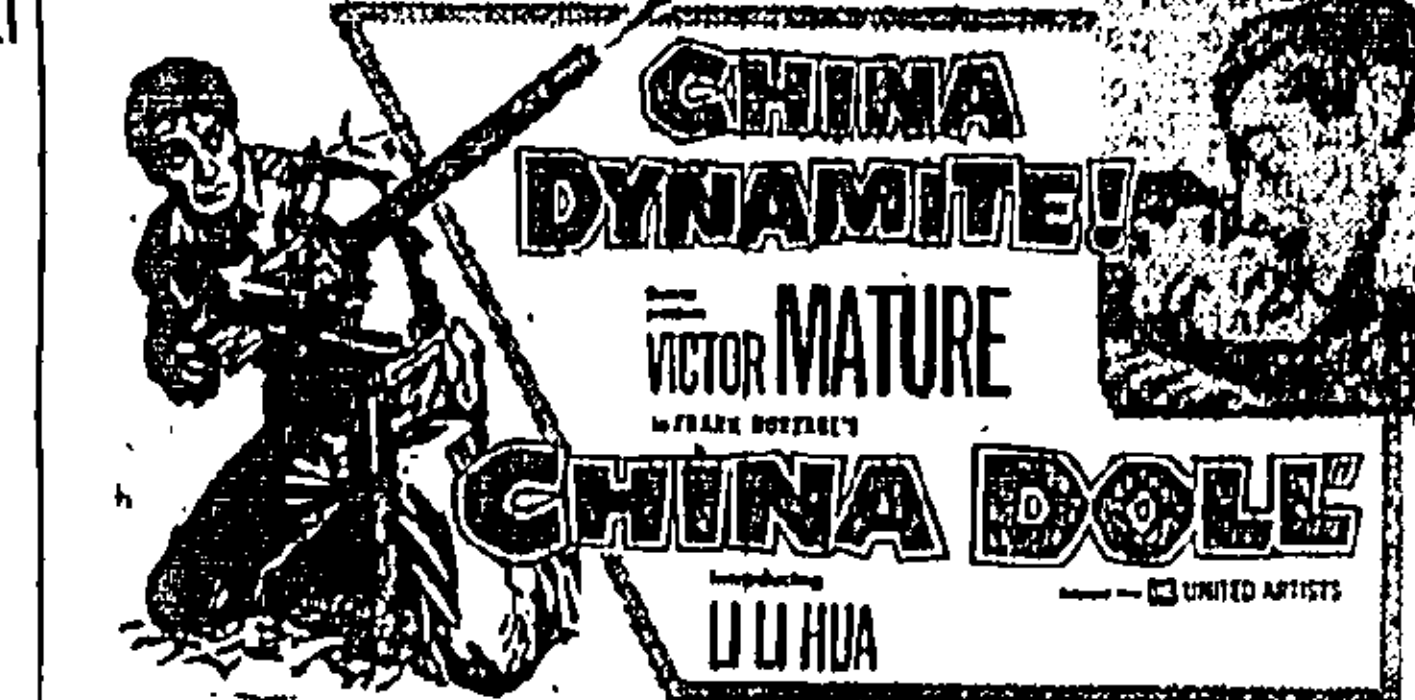
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ALGERIAN ELECTION QUESTIONED

Public Safety Lose On Narrow Margin

Algiers, Dec. 2. Five lists of defeated candidates in the Algerian elections were today contesting the results and claiming pressure on voters or irregularities in the vote itself.

Supporters of unsuccessful Public Safety Committee candidates in the Algiers suburbs staged a minor demonstration outside the Algiers Prefecture last night shouting that the election had been "fixed."

A request was launched later with the Control Commission for the election in the Algiers suburbs to be invalidated because pressure had been exercised to favour the moderate list which won by only 1,384 votes.

There was another small demonstration by the Public Safety faction in Oran where its candidates were defeated by 487 votes.

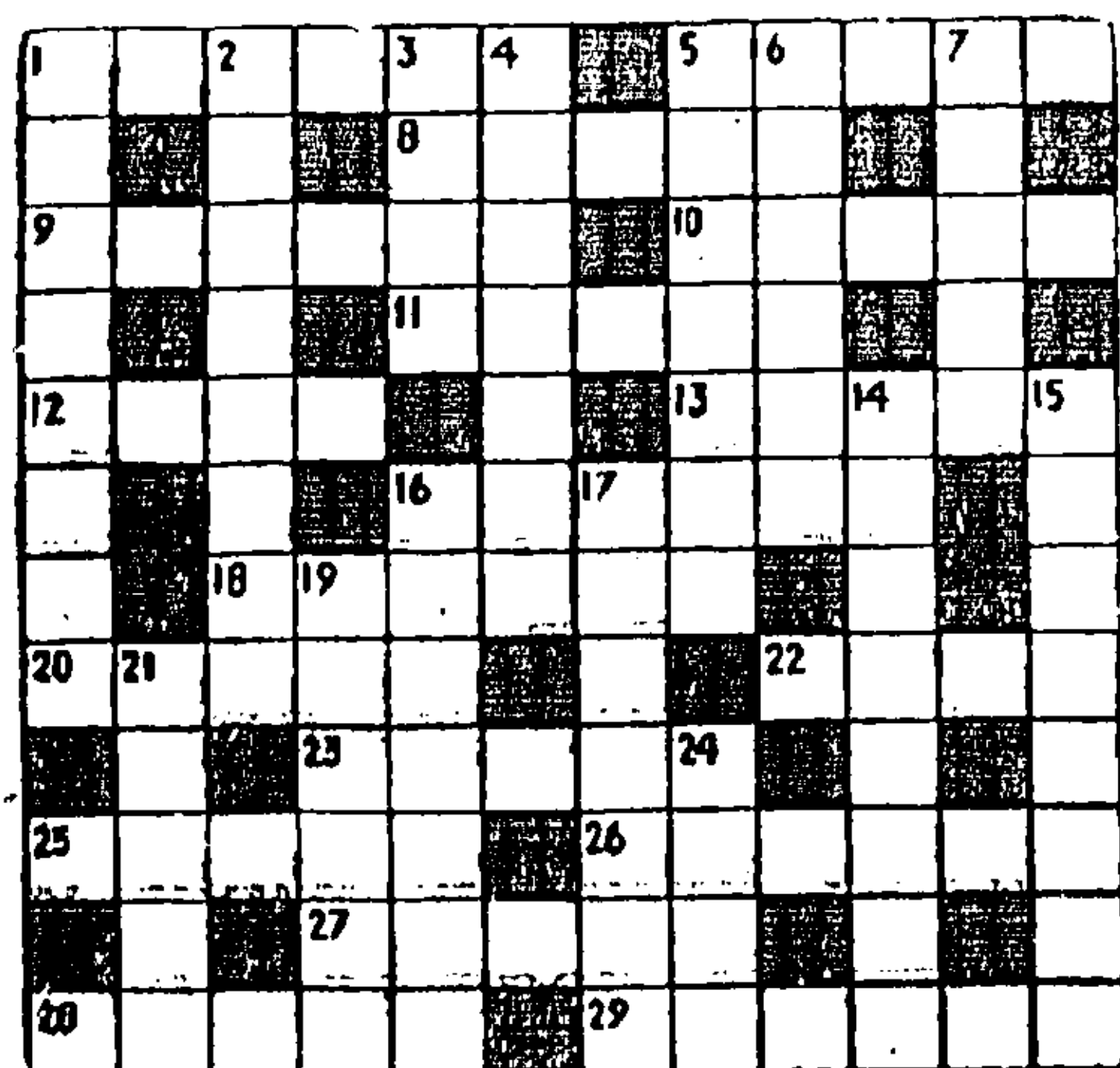
Several other complaints were being investigated by the electoral control commission, which is expected to confine itself to verification of voting figures and to drawing up a report on the other issues. A ruling by the Constitutional Committee in Paris would be required to invalidate the elections in any constituency.—Reuter.

Diefenbaker In Indonesia

Djakarta, Dec. 2. Premier Diefenbaker, visiting Canadian Prime Minister John Diefenbaker, said that Indonesia was not in favour of Communism, but felt that its best interests lie in not linking up the country with either the Eastern or the Western blocs. It was reported today.

A spokesman for Diefenbaker's delegation said the Canadian and Indonesian chiefs of government held a 50-minute talk during Diefenbaker's brief stop-over in Djakarta en route to Australia.—U.P.I.

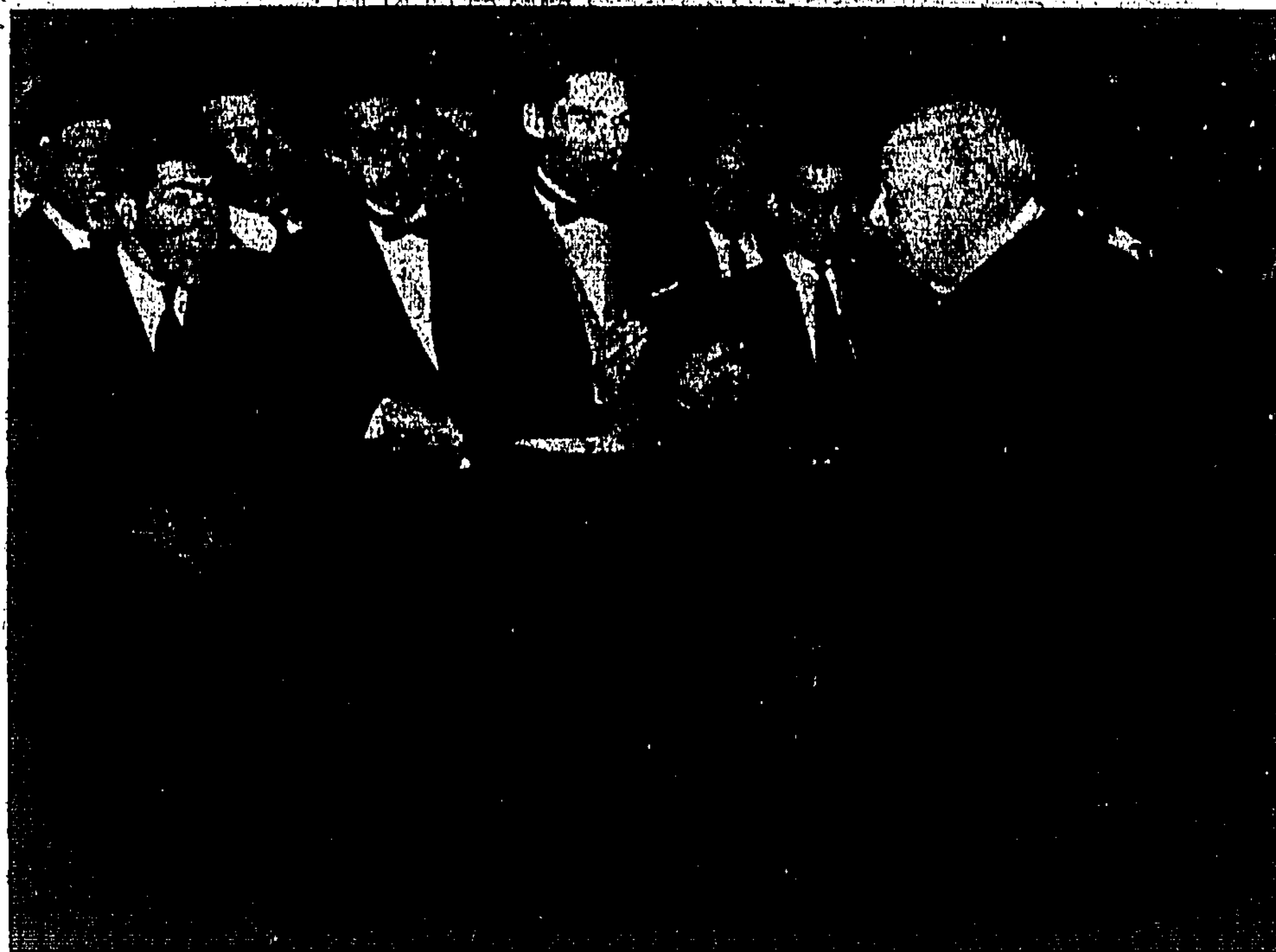
A British Crossword Puzzle



- Across**
- Such a man may be known to the police (6).
 - Private instructor (5).
 - Bird's way to have a "wash and brush up" (5).
 - Atomic centres (6).
 - General helps, might one say? (5).
 - Throw into the street? (5).
 - Swear (4).
 - Obverse (5).
 - Deprive of freedom (6).
 - President (6).
 - Appointments in diaries (5).
 - Flightless bird (4).
 - Truly countifed (5).
 - Could the parson give six a ride? (5).
 - Envy on again with a summary (6).
 - Nurses (5).
 - Isn't they stupid? (6).
 - Thoroughfare (6).
- Down**
- Commissioned to act for another (8).
 - Coward (8).
 - Sword (4).
 - Cubs for chauffeurs? (7).
 - Master (7).
 - Joins up (6).
 - Nymph to adore, perhaps (5).
 - Struck by a poseur? (6).
 - Deposit (8).
 - Tells positively (7).
 - Looks, frequently kind (7).
 - Make bubbly? (6).
 - French friend aboard is all wrong (5).
 - For fear that (4).

TUESDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Sage, 7 Lines, 9 Veto, 10 Malt, 12 Rima, 15 Impel, 18 Knap, 19 Ayon, 21 Allin, 22 Ayra, 23 Diced, 24 May, 25 Toxifer, 30 Oves, 31 Bath, 32 Ashes, 33 Ouse, Down: 1 Mides, 2 Topping, 4 Aware, 5 Ever, 6 A-to-M, 8 Dups, 11 Emend, 12 Ices, 14 Soap, 16 Layer, 17 P.A., 18 King, 20 Re-dress, 22 Acan, 23 Home, 24 Reel, 27 Loin, 28 Yo-ho.

SIR WINSTON VISITS HIS OLD SCHOOL



ZAMBESI WILL FLOW THROUGH A 7-ft PIPE

Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, Dec. 2. Bulldozers shovelled hundreds of tons of rock into the last two gaps in the £80 million Kariba Dam today as Engineers began the last stage of harnessing the waters of the Zambesi River.

The waters of the Zambesi will meanwhile be channelled through a seven-foot pipe high up in the dam wall.

Hemingway Gives Prize For Poland

Warsaw, Dec. 2. American novelist Ernest Hemingway has donated \$1,000 prize for the top Polish novel, the Polish PAP News Agency reported today.

Hemingway gave the money to B. Zelinski, translator of his novel "The Green Hills of Africa," who visited him recently in the United States, PAP said.

Zelinski asked Anthony Slonimski, President of the Polish Writers' Union, and John Parandowski, President of the Polish Pen Club, to form a literary jury to award the Hemingway prize.—France-Press.

Every one and a half minutes 20-ton lorries rumbled across the dam wall to tip the loads of rock and rubble down by the gaps. Then bulldozers sent them crashing down into the water where they were held in place by steel shattering.

The water level inside the dam rose six feet in the first seven hours and late this afternoon there was no discernible flow of water on the downstream side of the wall, which will now be completed.

By 1960 the Zambesi will be flowing normally again, but its waters will be driving under ground turbines of 1,200,000 kilowatts installed capacity in the third greatest power station in the world.—Reuter.

Should The Queen Live Out Of England?

London, Dec. 2. The suggestion that the British Court should leave London and establish itself periodically in various capitals of the Commonwealth, was made today by the Rev. Clifford Rhodes, in the "National and English Review."

Rhodes is also editor of the Church of England newspaper (not an official organ of the Anglican Church), and a well-known critic of the hierarchical system of the established Church with the monarchy at its head. He argues that to the mass of English people, Church, and monarchy, are one and that if the two were separated, "The Church of England, without the establishment, that is, the monarchy, at its head, would rapidly degenerate into a sect, not only for legal and constitutional reasons, but for spiritual reasons."

the sportsman and the entertainer in drawing vast crowds to elaborate worship. The mystique of monarchy in England is religious in its own right."

Rhodes said: "The needs that found satisfaction in images of the saints are now met by magazine covers of the Duke of Edinburgh or pin-ups of the Queen."

"Let a Privy Council, extended to include elders statesmen of all the Commonwealth, nominate the heir from

Most distinguished graduate of Harrow School is undoubtedly Sir Winston Churchill, who was not much good at lessons, but now revisits the school each year to sing the school songs with its 600-odd present day pupils. He is seen being applauded by the boys as they sing "Forty years on".—Express Picture.

Negro Pastors In Prison For Bus Incident

Birmingham, Alabama, Dec. 2. Thirteen negroes, including two Protestant pastors, were sentenced to prison terms and fines by an Alabama court today for having refused to obey a bus driver who had ordered them to sit in the back of the bus.

The two pastors, the Reverend Shuttlesworth and the Reverend Phifer, were respectively sentenced to 90 days and 30 days imprisonment, and fined \$100. The other negroes were sentenced to various suspended prison terms and fines. All the defendants appealed the sentences.

Under the new laws adopted by the city after the negro boycott of the buses in 1957, whites and negroes can theoretically sit where they wish.

Back And Front

Formerly a life in the bus divided the seats reserved for whites from those reserved for negroes, with the negroes sitting behind the whites in the back of the bus.

But the new law also authorized the driver to assign each passenger to a seat.

In practice the white drivers continued to impose racial segregation by always assigning negroes to the back seats and letting the whites keep their former "prerogative." Refusal to obey the driver is considered disturbing the peace and is punishable by a maximum of six months' gaol and \$100 fine.

The driver testified that he had asked each of the negroes seated in front to move to the back seats but that none of them had obeyed.

A policeman testified that the incident had disturbed the peace because it had drawn a crowd of some 100 persons and caused the bus to remain at the stop too long, creating the danger of traffic jam.

Arthur Shores, lawyer for the 13 negroes, said he would appeal the case because the law, although sincere in appearance, was discriminatory in application.—France-Press.

French Troops Quit Morocco

Oujda, Dec. 2. The stationing of French troops in eastern Morocco came to an end today at a ceremony which marked the closing of six bases No. 153 here.

General Emouil De La Chenellere, French Commander-in-Chief, Morocco, took the salute.—France-Press.

The demonstrators, members of the building trades union, burned copies of the Indian constitution and portraits of Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru.—France-Press.

Soldier Gives Evidence In Murder Trial

Nairobi, Dec. 2. A young British soldier told a court here today that he saw a husband stab to death a man who had previously given him "a good hiding."

Walter William Burgoyne Chalwin, 33-year-old former Kenya police officer, has pleaded not guilty to the murder of Henry Gordon Brougham, half brother of Lord Stafford.

The soldier, fusilier Andrew Whorby, of Gravesend, Kent, told the court yesterday that he received a lift from Brougham and the accused's wife, Mrs Patricia Chalwin. Later he said Chalwin's car tried to force them off the road.

Today he told the court of a fight when the two cars stopped at the roadside. Brougham, he said, got out first and went towards Chalwin's car. Chalwin had a gun but was not aiming it. He was holding it defensively, witness continued.

It was obvious that Brougham was going to attack Chalwin and that Chalwin was preparing to defend himself. Whorby agreed with Mr. B. Slattery, defending, that Chalwin got "a good hiding."

The soldier said that later, outside a hotel near Nairobi, he was standing with Mrs Chalwin—who was stated yesterday by her mother to have been Brougham's mistress before she married Chalwin—when Chalwin went towards Brougham.

There was some talk about drink and Brougham said he would not drink with Chalwin. It was about then that Chalwin pulled out a knife and stabbed Brougham in the neck, the witness said. Whorby agreed that just before the stabbing at the hotel, Brougham and Mrs Chalwin were "nasty" to the accused.—China Mail Special.



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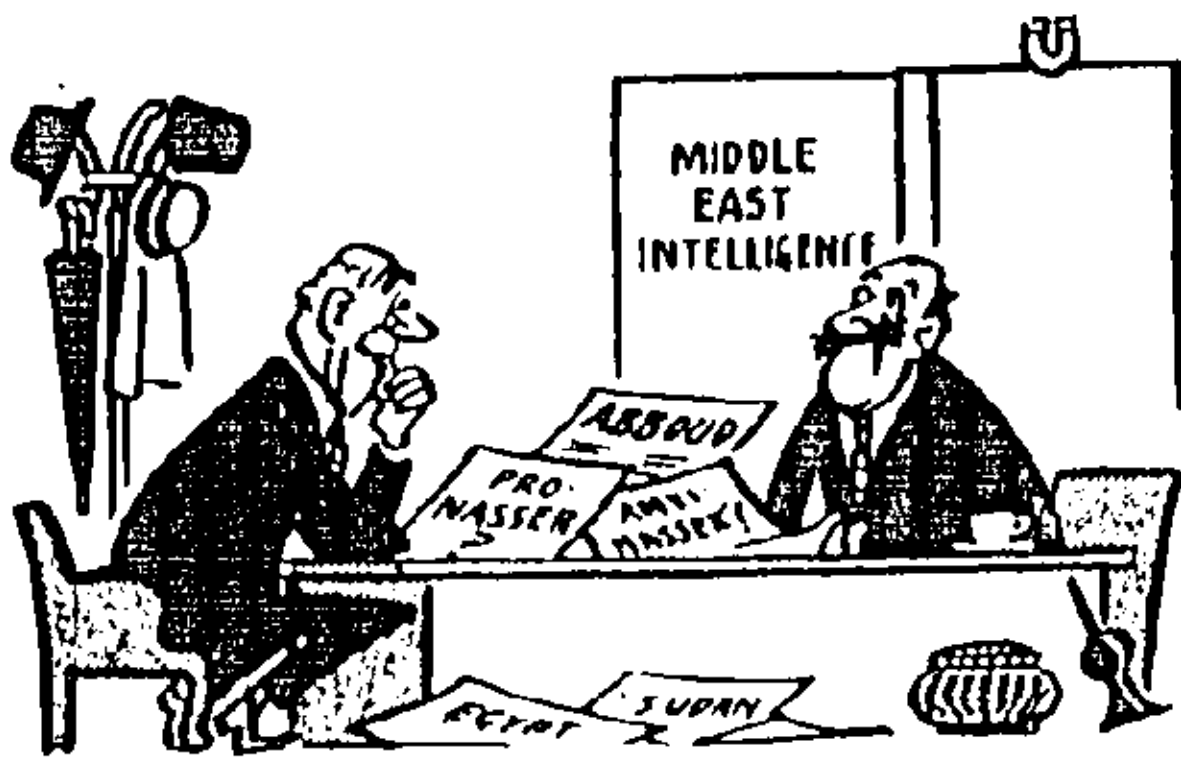


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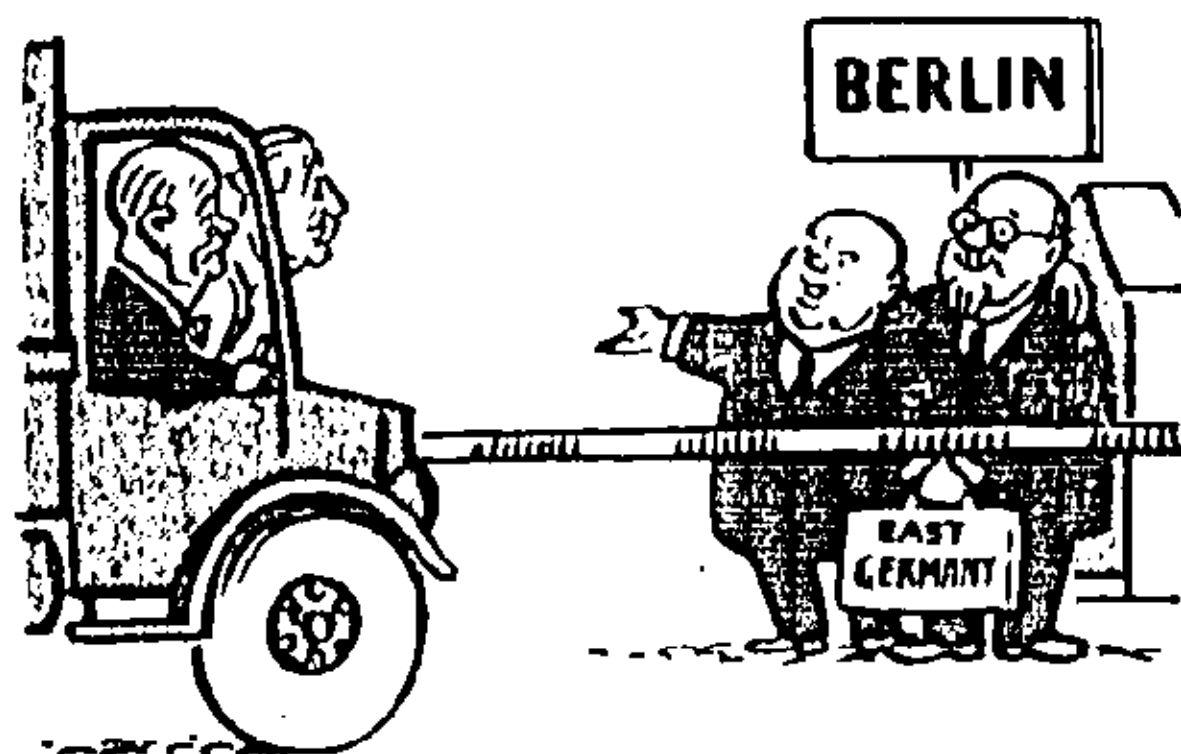
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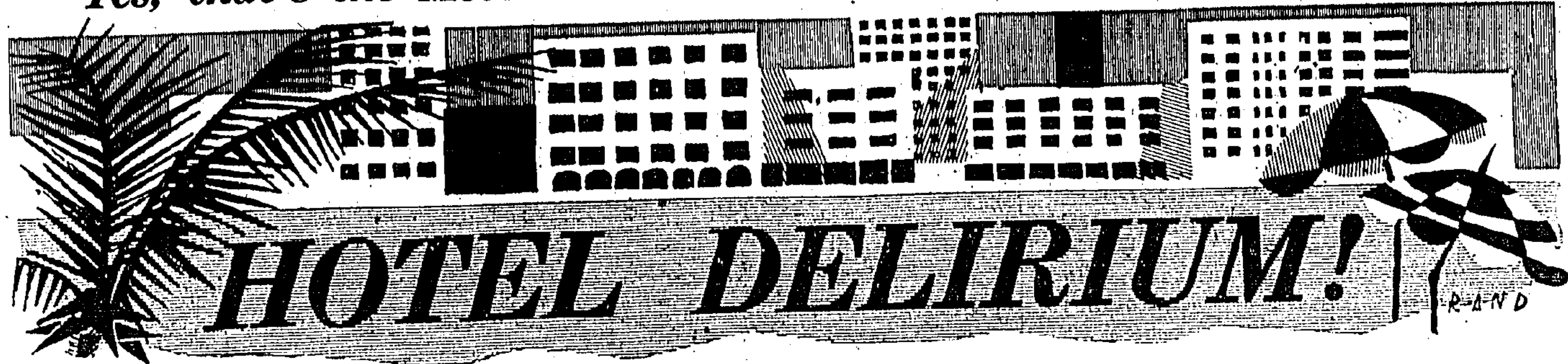
"I've a sneaking suspicion, and it's just possible, Abboud may be pro-Abboud."



"It's just a little sobriety test. All you have to do is to say—it's a brow bricht Ulbricht nicht die nicht."

PATRICIA LEWIS IN MIAMI...

Yes, that's the Mecca on the coast for the people with the most!



See how it's growing:

"HONEY," said the man in the red shirt spooning frozen daiquiries into long-stemmed glasses, "this is the most artificial piece of real estate in the world." He was referring to the seven-mile strip of reclaimed swamp called Miami Beach, the gorgeously gaudy, phenomenally phoney winter playground of America's Atlantic seaboard.

I have never seen anything like Miami Beach, for the reason probably that nowhere else could Miami Beach exist.

In a wood-panelled office beneath the swimming pool of the old ocean-front hotel here—Roney Plaza, opened 1927—I talked with tall, good-looking

David Schine, president of Schine Enterprises, which runs Roney and six other hotels. Young Mr Schine, you may remember, was the second half of that famous McCarthy-era double-act known as Cohn and Schine, but whatever may have

happened in his political past, he has some pretty lucid thoughts on the present and future of tourism in Miami.

"It provides everything," he said, "so it must become the outstanding resort and convention centre of the world. It has a climate... (It is still a steamy 85 deg. here, while California, the rival sunshine State, is deep in snowdrifts.)

"It has perfect location—the gateway to the Caribbean and, thanks to the new jets, the halfway house between North and South America.

"It has every facility—fishing, golf, horse-racing, dog tracks, football, baseball, theatre, opera, symphony. It has all the things you may find in any major metropolis.

A Demand

"Look at the accommodation! We have nearly 5,000 hotels and motels, many of them unsurpassed in the world.

"Above all, we have a demand for our product. With people earning more money and having more time to enjoy, I am sure Miami Beach will become the holiday city not just of America but of the world."

Each season there is at least one brand new multi-million monster pandering to Miami Beach's own pet Christmas tradition—one that says you're not fashionable unless you book at the hotel of the year.

Sighed Roney's manager: "It's a frightening thought, but every morning when I wake up there are 144 new hotel rooms to be filled.

* How to make a Daiquiri Cocktail: take two-thirds Baccardi, the juice of a fresh lime, one-sixth Grenadine, shake well, strain into glasses.

"Last December it was the Deauville, in 1956 the Americana, in 1955 the Eden Roc, in 1954 the Fontainebleau, and so on. This year it will be the Diplomat, and soon it will be a new Roney Plaza."

Another Roney Plaza? "Yes, we are tearing the old place down," replied Mr Schine. "And we are planning the most lavish hotel in the whole area. You've got to keep your product up to date. People want everything bigger, better and newer."

£55 A Day

Roney obviously rhymes with money, because the new version is a \$25,000,000 (£8,928,500) project.

Fantastic as that estimate sounds it is still lagging five million behind the ultimate cost

of the fancy Fontainebleau—the vintage 1954 address, which boasts no neon sign but which

none of the newer places has been able to equal in popularity.

Covering the old 14-acre Firestone Estate it has two pools, a yacht basin for 50 boats, a shopping centre, night club, numerous bars, restaurants, and coffee shops and a landscape that faithfully reproduces the formal gardens of Fontainebleau and Versailles.

The whole set-up is enough to knock both eyes out. It is the place where business men on holiday pay \$55 a day for a suite, plus the additional \$8.95 a day for pool-side cabana, and wives amuse the hours buying casual-trimmed sweaters at \$150 in the arcade of the stores.

When I arrived 1,000 members of the American Trucking Association's convention were milling round in the vast pillared lobby waiting for comedian Red Buttons to do a lunch-time show.

The Director

By the pool lights blazed in the sun and technicians tolled as Frank Capra directed Edward G. Robinson and Frank Sinatra in a location scene for "Hole in the Head."

The brain behind this fantasy, in four dimensions belongs to a grizzled, harassed little man of 50, who uses a hearing aid and wears gold bracelets on each wrist—Ben Novack.

He sits in an office curved like the hotel itself, yelling at two secretaries, three telephones and several executives, while half-smoked cigarettes burn in numerous ashtrays scattered over his crescent-shaped desk. "Saturation point?" he barked, pushing his spectacles up into his fuzzy grey hair. "That, Miss Lewis, is like asking me how high is up. While people still wanna come here, who cares? We gotta new extension going on here that's gonna cost \$10,000,000 (£3,571,400) and give us the largest hall room of any hotel in the world."

"What's that? Sure, it's the only hotel I own—and believe me, that is one too many."

A New Yorker shopkeeper, Novack first went into business at Miami Beach in 1941, when his capital was down to less than £12.

Hurricane

He managed to raise enough money to rent a smallish hotel called Monroe Towers, but before the profits of the Christmas season could be gleaned a hurricane and Pearl Harbour threatened to put him out of business.

Happily the air force built a training base near by, and took over Monroe Towers as an officers' billet. This saved Mr Novack from ruin, and by 1946 he was able to build his first hotel—the Sans Souci.

The year after Fontainebleau opened—Novack calls it "the world's most pretentious hotel"—an embittered ex-partner of his, Harry Mufson, tried to go one better by creating the almost equally showy Eden Roc bang next door.

By planning his new extension to Fontainebleau, Mr Novack will have his revenge—the 265-room annex is deliberately designed to block out the sun from the Eden Roc's swimming pool.

"When that happens," said one of Novack's employees, "Mufson might just as well pull

the whole place down and use it for a parking lot."

One of the experts working on the annex is designer Franklin Hughes, and he is also responsible for "this year's hotel"—the \$27,000,000 (£9,042,800) Diplomat.

"My contract calls for me to control every visual aspect of the project," he explained, as he showed me around the almost completed Colossus. "I have used 12 different colour schemes, but the public rooms are mostly turquoise, black, white, and yellow."

The Diplomat—it was originally to be called the Beverly Beach Hotel, Motel, Country and Cabana Club, but someone felt that was a little too long—opens on December 18, with Tony Martin doing a cabaret against the jewel-encrusted palm trees of the Cafe Cristal.

Such is the fever here for being first that the hotel is already fully booked until the spring at \$50 a day for spa-view suites.

But surprise, surprise—not everybody lives in a birthday cake on the beach. In those long, low, white houses on green islets, linked by causeways, another life is led.

Demob Plan

I spent some time at such a place—the hibiscus-island home of 35-year-old British-born bachelor Rex Rand, a flying instructor, in done Florida during the war. Mr Rand decided to chance his luck in Miami on his demob.

With capital of £40 he began selling radio parts. Now he is a naturalised American, a millionaire with three television and radio stations, a house worth nearly £100,000 and several yachts scattered round the West Indies.

"Where else?" he asked me as we sat in his stonk-flagged bar by his grotto-blue pool.

"Where else can I live like this, in such surroundings, and still have a prosperous business within a few miles?"

Maybe they are all absolutely right. Maybe Miami Beach is "the greatest." But the most what I still can't make up my mind.

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Reporter RON EVANS sees New York's tough cops fight their biggest battle...

Where Boys Use Guns—& Murder Isn't News

IT is midnight in Manhattan, and I am sitting in Sardi's, just off Broadway. This is one of the places to go in New York—the pricey, after-theatre haunt of show people and out-of-town tourists.

Just across from me sits Lena Horne, composed, coffee-coloured and beautiful beyond description. Just across from her, gazing in awe, are four middle-aged Middle Westerners, up in the city for a convention.

Outside, in the glittering razzle-dazzle of the Great White Way, crowds blacken the sidewalks; in Fifth Avenue they window-gaze at the aristocratic stores where the prices soar as high as the ocean light beams from the Empire State Building.

This is Manhattan at midnight. . . gay, gaudy, expensive, exciting. The Manhattan of the travel brochures.

But there is another Manhattan, where violence is spawned in the lurking shadows.

And, in a fruit store not far away, a 14-year-old coloured boy is dying. A police bullet shot him.

A patrolman saw the boy prowling, called on him to stop. The boy ran. The patrolman fired.

In the garbage-strewn trickle of an East Side gutter, another

What happens when a nation's dead-end kids get out of hand.

Listen to Police Captain Frederick Ludwig, crew-cut and six-footer in charge of New York's youth squad:

"Mr Evans," he said, "I wouldn't go into Central Park at night unless I had my gun; and unless I had my gun out of its holster and in my pocket; and unless I had my hand on the gun."

Slowly he trimmed the ash of his cigar.

"And, Mr Evans, I still wouldn't fancy going into that park."

New Yorkers keep away from Central Park at night. But tourists and overseas visitors wander there—and for them hoodlums are waiting.

Not so long ago, the authorities would never have believed such things could happen in New York. Even when they began to see the under-21 crime rate increase in the post-war years, as it is now rising in

other countries which ought to take warning from the situation that has developed in Manhattan.

Last year in New York, two-thirds of the major crime arrests—murder, manslaughter, rape, robbery, violence, burglary, grand larceny—came in that under-21 age group; and almost half from the under-eighteens.

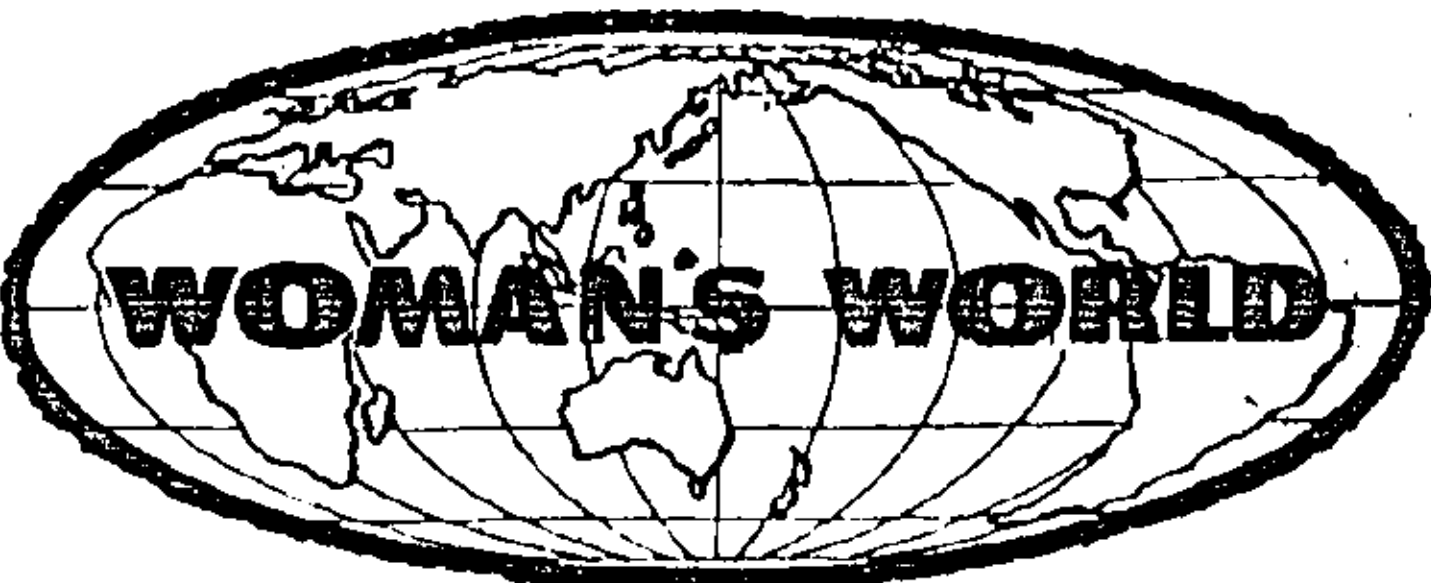
Is there a lesson to learn in the way the New York police are fighting their war?

Because war it is. Captain Ludwig's hand-picked squad is the spearhead.

To find out how they work I went on patrol with two detectives through the brooding brownstone tenements of Harlem—a "high hazard" area and another part of this city where no stranger walks alone at night.

To be continued in a second article: Teenage Terror.

WOMANSENSE IS HE 5?



With Christmas in the offing, here are two of the best buys I have seen yet, both perfect presents for the glamour-girl. One is a gilt pen-and-pencil set that will look easily into a handbag. The "pen" is a roll-on applicator for mascara which coats the lashes cleanly and evenly, and the "pencil" is a propelling eyebrow pencil with its own built-in sharpener.

Another inexpensive beauty gift is an excellent container of perfume pink foam that takes the place of talcum powder. It is sold in an attractive luxurious gold, white and black pack.

The beauty-gift business has given such a fillip to the

sales of swimsuits—Miss World of 1958 is modelling them this week at a fashion fair—that an Australian manufacturer has included a special pin-up girl swimsuit in a collection which he is now showing in Europe.

The strapless swimsuit, specially designed to flatter the figure maximum flattery, is made from white lace mounted over pink cotton poplin and studded with rhinestones.

It looks wonderful against a well-tanned skin. And, I'm told, you can even swim in it.

By HAZEL MEYRICK

JACOBY on BRIDGE

WALTER WOLFF of San Antonio writes: "Here is one for your department of utter confusion:

"My opening spade bid was due to the fact that I was playing in an individual tournament and wanted to bid the major suit first. My partner's four no-trump response was a typical individual bid and the fact that I showed just one ace did not encourage him in the slightest. "As he explained later, he was a great believer in the law of symmetry and since he was void of one suit, he was sure that I

was void of another. Of course, I can't be sure that he simply miscounted our aces by one, but that is neither here nor there.

"East doubled. He had two aces and sort of felt that we had our signals crossed. Fortunately for us, his partner also held an ace, and it happened to be the ace of clubs. He smiled happily and laid it down. I ruffed in dummy, drew trumps, discarded his one diamond on my king of clubs and conceded a heart trick.

"P. S. I won the individual Do I deserve congratulations?"

Answer Tomorrow

Today's Question

The bidding has been:

East South West North

1 ♠ Double Pass 1 ♠

Pass Pass 2 ♠ 2 ♠

You, South, hold

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♠ 8 2 ♠ 7 6

♥ 5 3 ♥ A 10

♦ A Q 8 5 4 ♦ A J 9 2

♣ A Q 9 8 ♣ 10 7 4 3 2

SOUTH (D)

♠ A J 9 3

♥ 2

♦ K 7 3

♣ K J 6 5

East and West vulnerable

South West North East

1 ♠ Pass 4 NT Pass

5 ♠ Pass 6 ♠ Pass

Pass Pass

Opening lead—♠ A

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

BORN today you have a

Magnificent personality and a deep

sense of loyalty which attract and

hold people as friends for life. You

have a keen sense of humour

which, at times, does fail to see

anything funny when the joke is

on yourself. You are fond of being

in good time but like to initiate the

festivities. You may have to curb

your propensities for a gay life

for often you permit it to interfere

with the more serious things of

life.

You are a born leader and have

the ability to size up a person

accurately at first meeting. You

have strong likes and dislikes, and

if you do not like a person there is

little you can do about it. All

your charm and winning manners

are of little avail. Because of this

you do make enemies. And since

you are not one who easily forgives

and forgets, you will hold your

enemies as firmly as you hold

your friends.

Since your intuitions are ex-

ceptionally keen, you are some-

times able to sense danger before it

comes to money matters. Do this.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)

—Be conservative today when it

comes to money matters. Do this.

THIS is the second part of a personal estimate of what should be expected of a child at specific ages. Part 1 yesterday dealt with the child of one year. The age considered today is five.

by Martha Blount

At five years he stands

A more than half his full

adult height. This can be

estimated on the second

birthday, the future six-

footer being then 36 in.

high.

The five-year-old's head

circumference is 20 in. for

boys, 19 1/2 in. for girls. The

weight is 41 lb. to 39 lb.

The hair of girls if uncut, is

now half its full potential

length. The full complement

of 20 baby teeth is there by two

years and one filling may have

occurred by five years.

HE EATS...

At five the child can digest

(raw if you like) all red

and white meats, cheese, veg-

etables, and ripe fruits.

HE sleeps 12 hours a day. HE

is independent of parents,

and has slowly, from the age of

two, become egocentric emotion-

ally.

HE succumbs to childish

infectious diseases in this

order, (1) whooping cough, (2)

measles, (3) chicken pox, and

(4) mumps.

HE can jump high, from the

ground and can walk four miles

without muscle strain.

Equally skilled with both

hands up to three years, he is

now clearly fixed in either left

or right-handedness.

HE eats three good meals a

day plus one pint of milk.

Colouring, features, and

physique are now settled.

HE DOES...

THE boy can undress and dress

himself as far as buttons

and patent fasteners are con-

cerned. The girl can tie and

untie bows as well.

Both sexes can use knife and

fork at meals, but use a spoon

the wrong way, holding it in fist

and not balanced on top of

finger and thumb.

Memory is brilliant. He will

remember many verses of a

poem, many nursery rhymes.

He speaks in good sentences

with adjectives and adverbs.

The use of the personal pro-

noun (I want, I do—instead of

"Johnnie" wants or "Janet"

does) arrives at about three

years old.

HE NEEDS...

HE can count up to 20, and re-

cognises all the letters of the

alphabet. He has difficulty in

shaping "y" and "z" and will

reverse the "u" and down strokes.

He can wash hands, brush

teeth, and copy such things as

gargling, breathing exercises,

and arm and leg movements.

He has a strong sense of

justice, and rhythm which is

best fostered by music.

He knows (1) red, (2) yellow,

(3) green and blue, in painting.

Starting out to school he needs

to know his name, his address,

and his age.

He needs to have met his

school teacher and have seen

his classroom and toilet places

at school.

He needs his mother to take

him and collect him for the first

term at least. If he goes by

bus, then his mother must be at

home on his return.

At home he still needs con-

structional toys for quiet play

in the afternoon—bricks, mod-

elling materials, paper, and

coloured pencils. He needs his

parents to join in his play now

and then.

Regular routine at home helps

enormously with first school

days—the same bedtime, the

same meal times, the same

YOU.

Food must increase in

protein now. Still give it in

good digestible form, steaming

rather than boiling, grilling and

baking rather than frying.

Sugars are craved at this age.

Give them in natural forms—

honey, dates, prunes, bananas.

He should be taught simple

prayers and know the "Our

Father" by heart. He should go

to church regularly, or attend

Sunday school.

To help those first school

days of settling in, teach him

every skill you both know—

games, drawing, new words,

new physical exercises.

Early American Pieces Used With Other Styles

NEW model rooms are

demonstrating how well

Early American furniture

can live with other periods

as well as contemporary

settings.

One store decorator has five

settings to tell this furniture

story and was especially suc-

cessful in combining Early

American with modern in a liv-

ing room.

The room just glows with

colour, with textured wallpaper

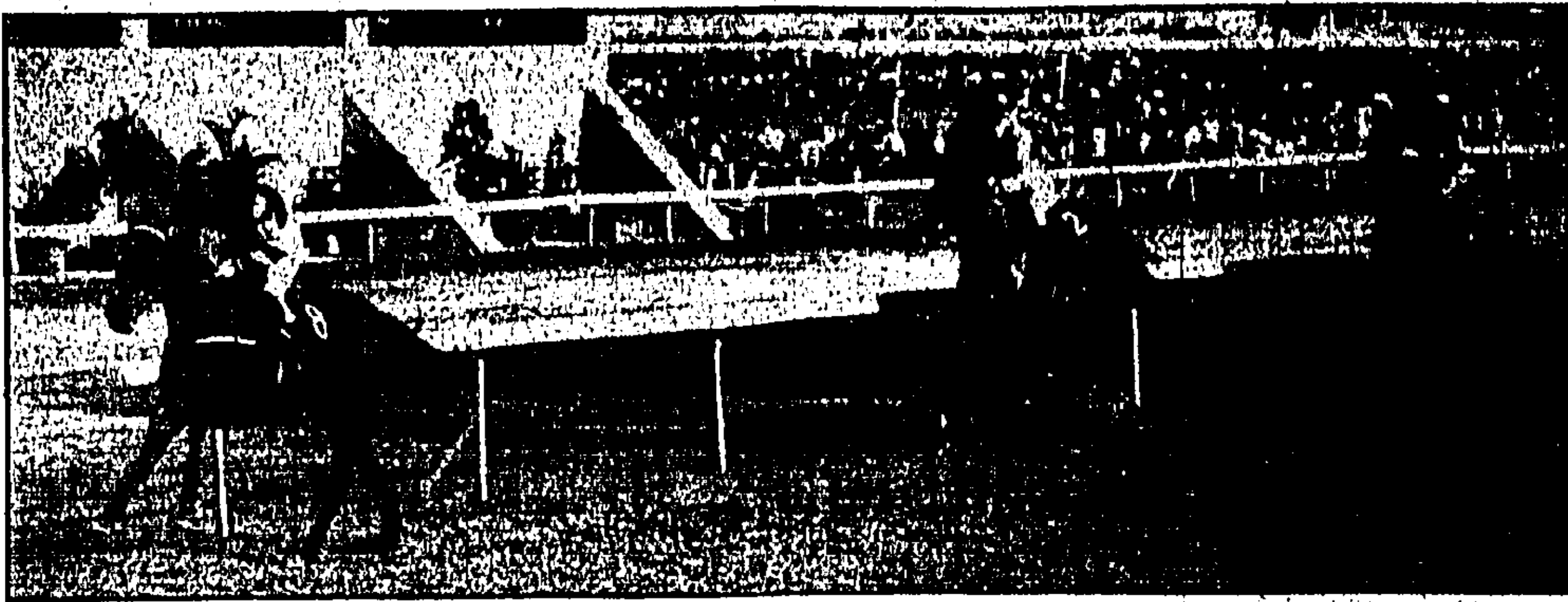
in a rich pumpkin shade, and

chartruese rug and slip covers.

Contemporary pieces include

a glass-topped coffee table, a

SPORTS PICTORIAL



Most successful jockey at the second day's meet of the Fourth Race Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club last Saturday at Happy Valley was P. Plumbly who rode in four winners.

Here he is seen piloting his second winner of the day — Mr and Mrs D. Black's Jura (No. 8) which paid its backers the handsome dividend of \$60.20.

Second was Bayshore (No. 2) and third (not in the photo) was King Rider. — China Mail Photo.



Jack Kramer's troupe of professional tennis champions opened their third tour of Hongkong yesterday at the Hongkong Cricket Club before a good crowd with two singles and one doubles matches.

The above two photos show all the four touring players in action during the doubles match.

In the top photo Tony Trabert is seen making a volley return with Pancho Segura ready to cover up while in the lower photo Ken Rosewall is making a forehand cross volley as Frank Sedgman watches.

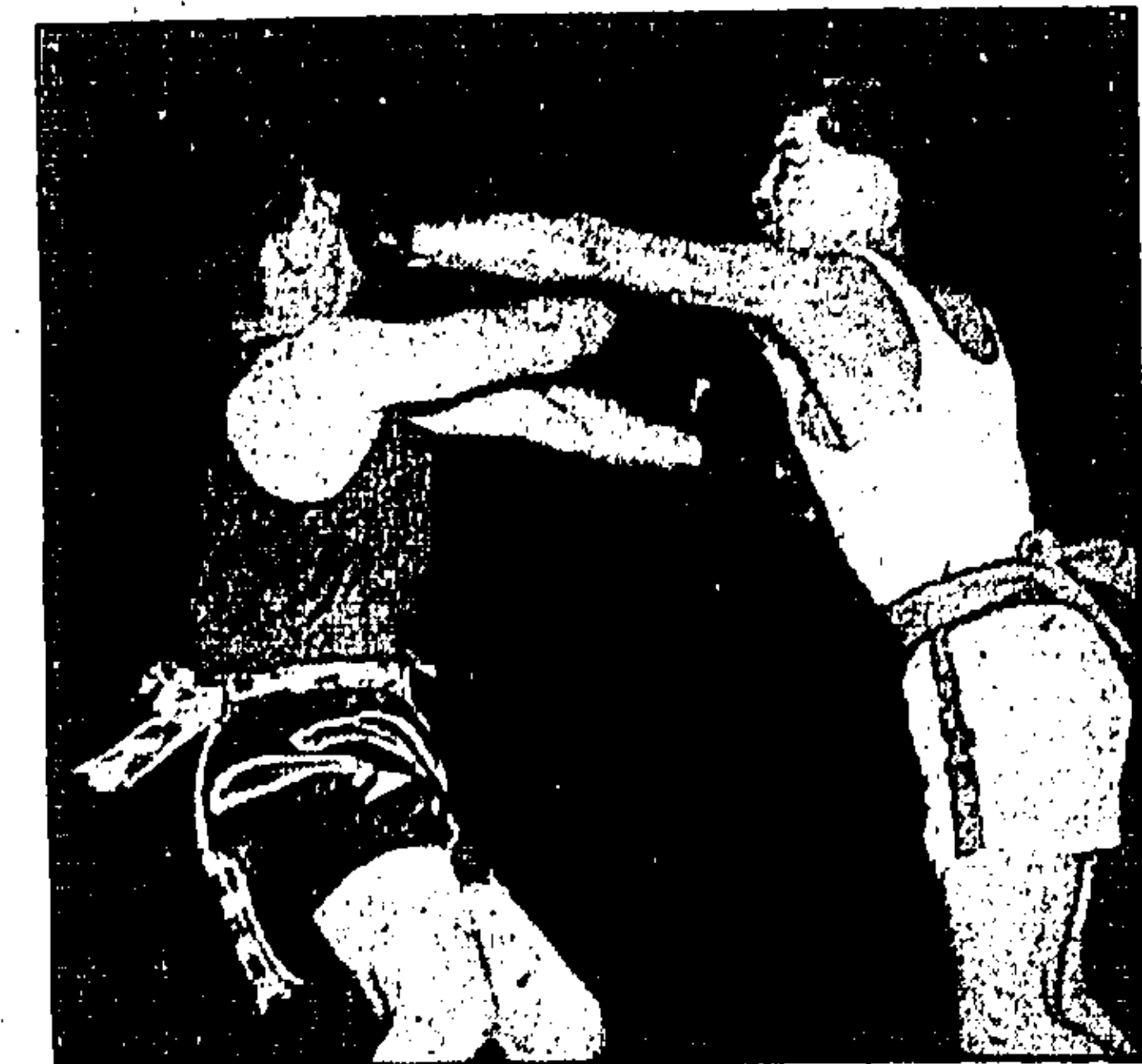
Scores of yesterday's games were:— Singles: Trabert beat Segura 6-3, 7-5; Sedgman drew with Rosewall 4-6, 6-3.

Doubles: Trabert and Segura beat Sedgman and Rosewall 10-8, 6-3. —China Mail photos.

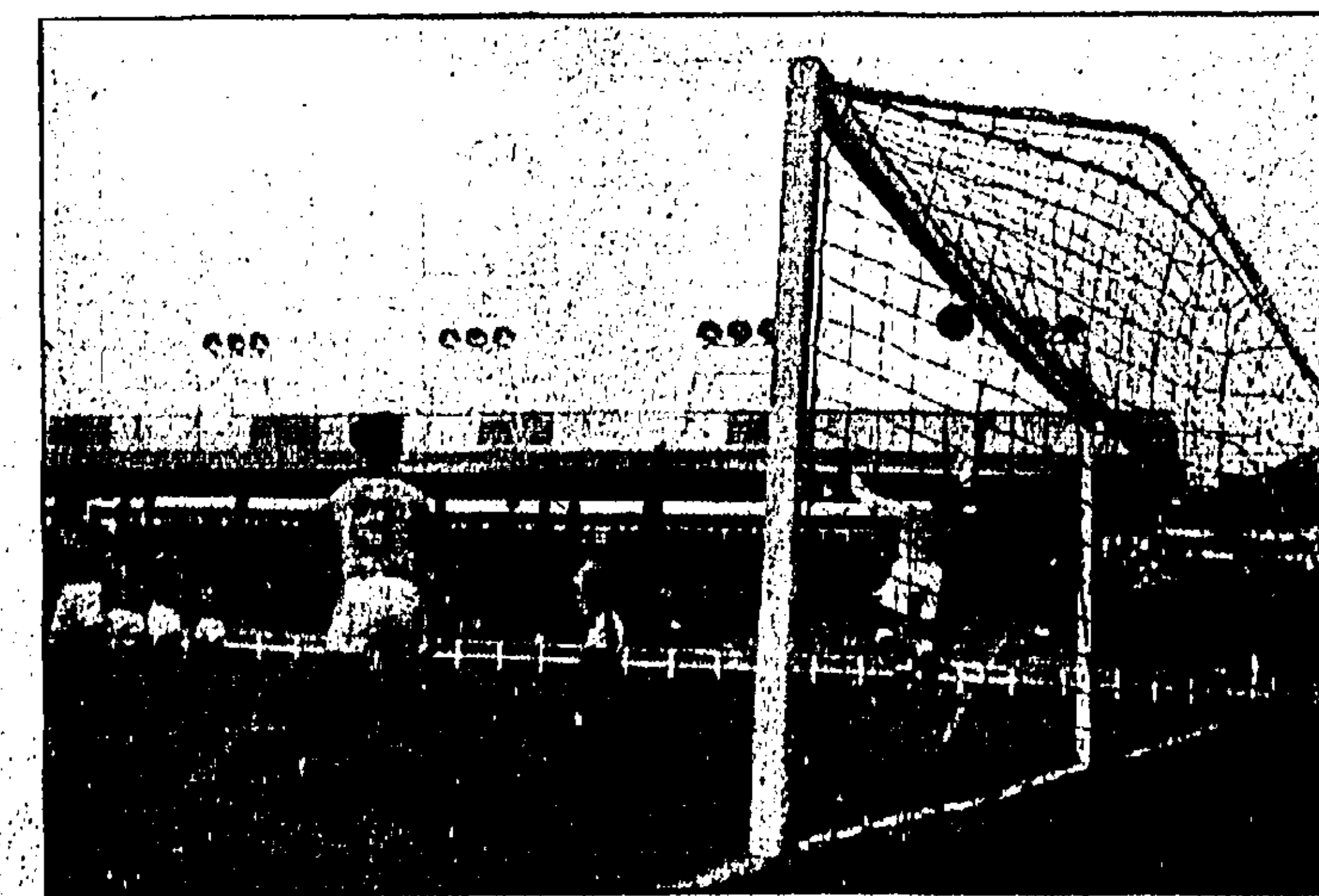


ABOVE: Champions for the fifth year in succession—that's the proud record of the Craigengower senior division ladies' badminton league team who defeated Chinese YMCA by 6-3 in the final play-off for the 1958-59 title on Monday.

From left to right are: (back row) Winnie Chao, Diana Yung, Mrs Elvie Tsok, Mrs Y. Y. Chung; (front row) Mrs J. Yung, Mrs S. Y. Wong, Helen Kwong and Mary Wong.



LEFT: At the Far East Station Fleet Boxing championships at HMS Tamar last Thursday, current Colony bantamweight champion O/S Randall (right) proved too good for A/B Donaghlan, winning by a TKO in the third round. Here Randall is seen landing a straight left to Donaghlan's jaw. — China Mail photos.



Bottom of the league Kwong Wah gave champions, South China quite a shock last Saturday in their first division league match when they held their reputed opponents to a 2-1 score. Photo shows a tense moment in front of the Kwong Wah goalmouth as Kwong Wah's goalkeeper just manages to tip over the bar a powerful drive by South China's inside-right Mo Cheung-yau. —China Mail photos.



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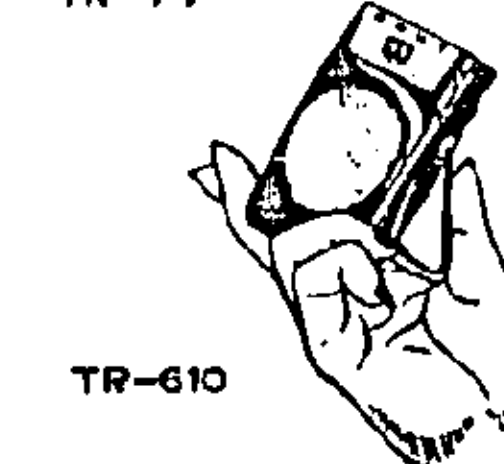
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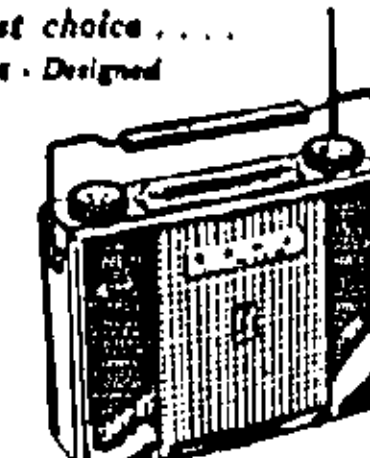
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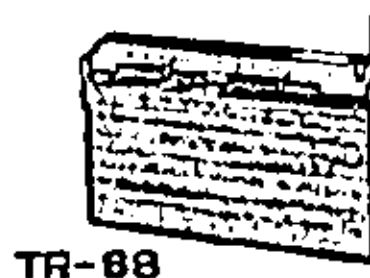
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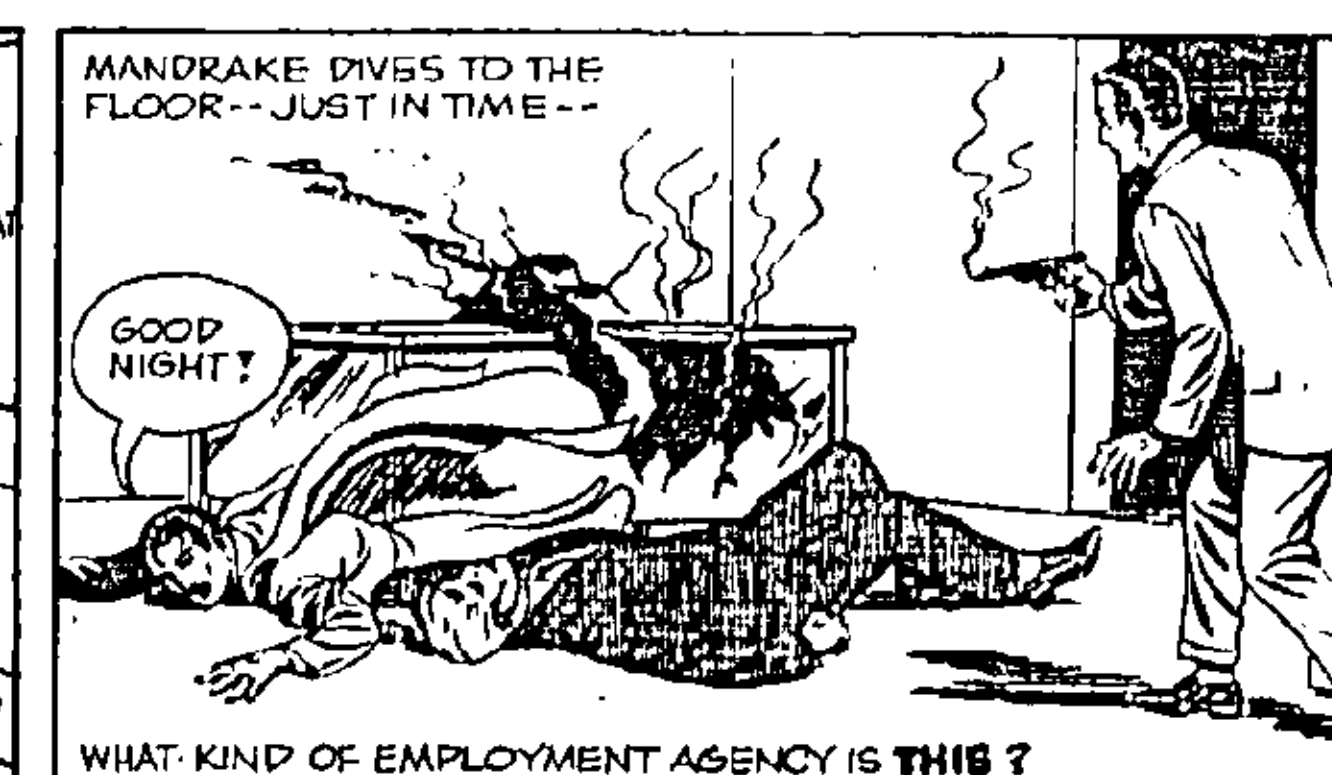
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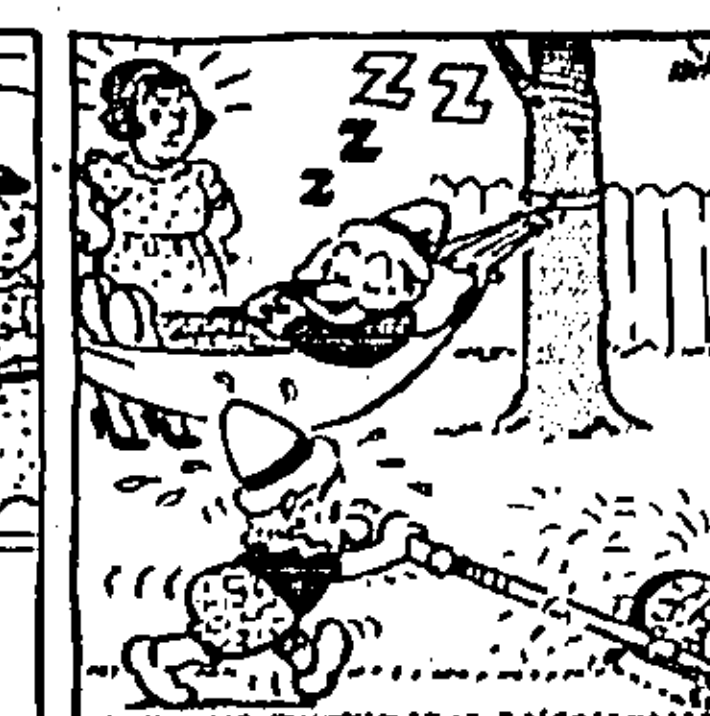
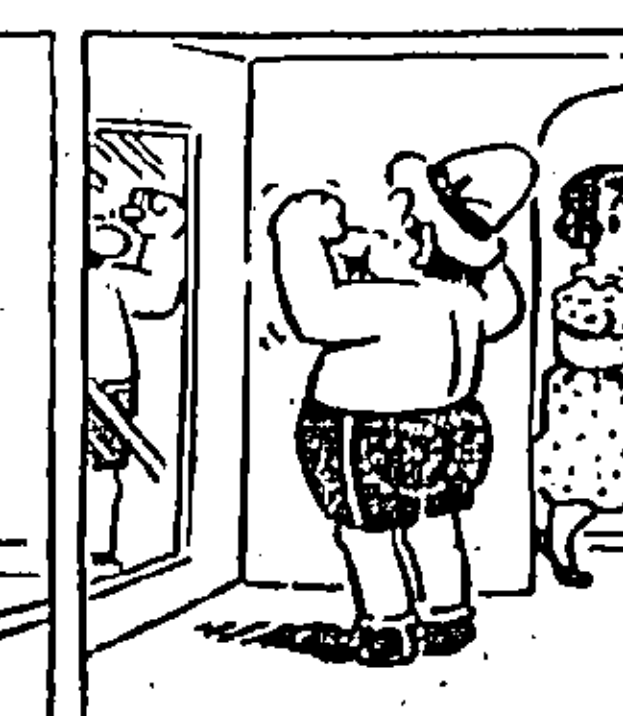
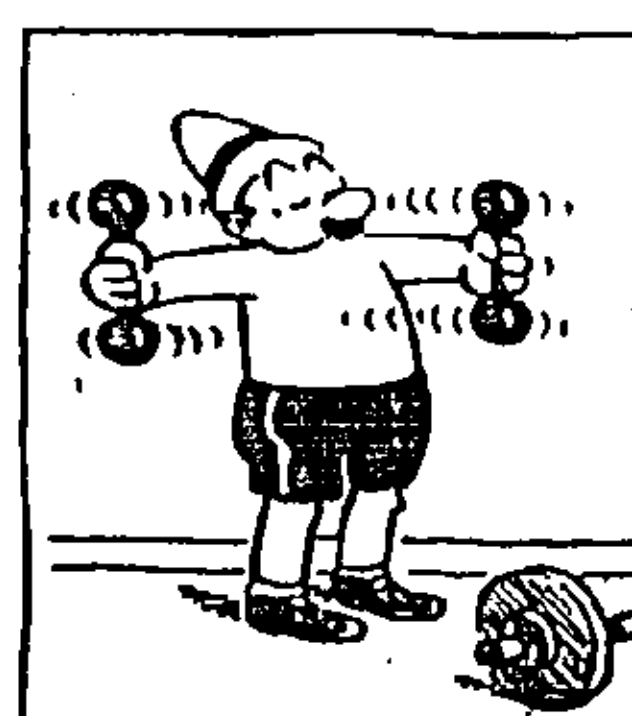
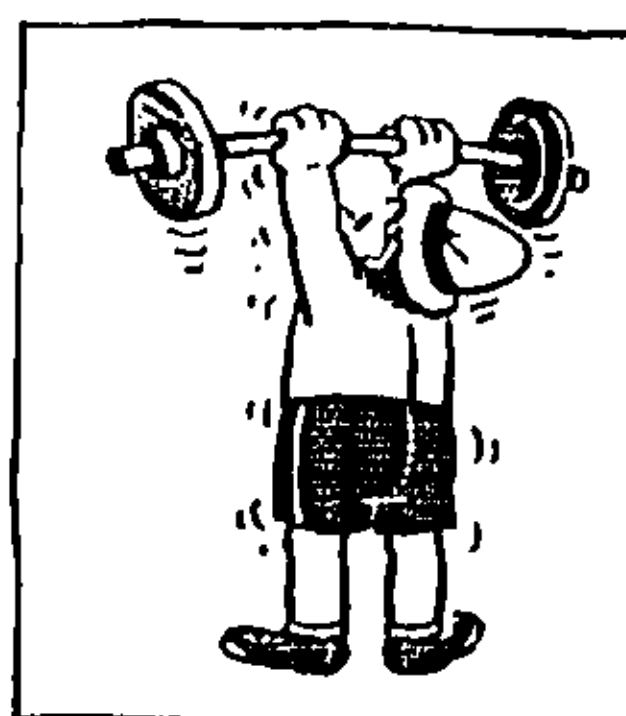
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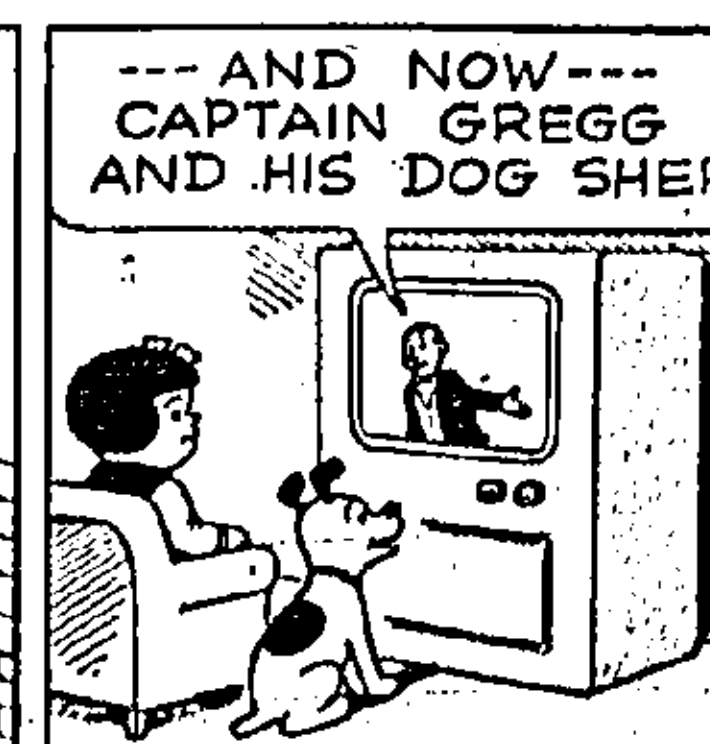
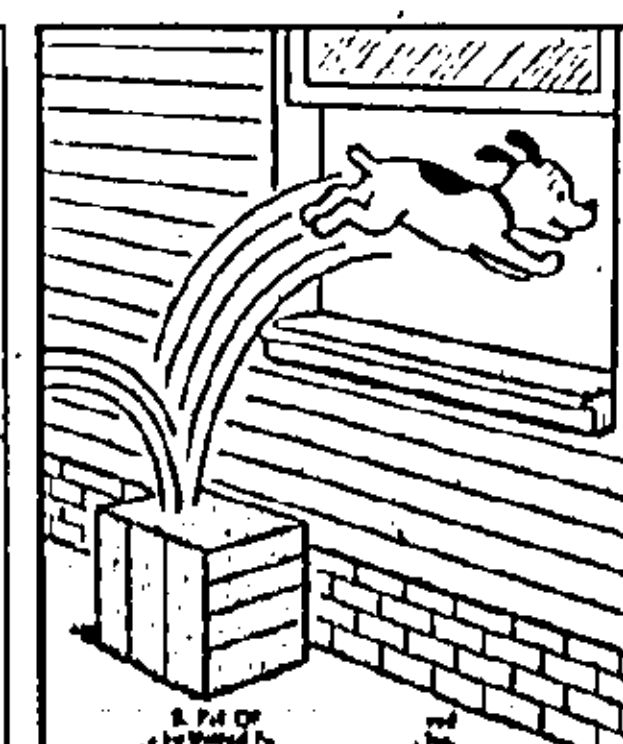
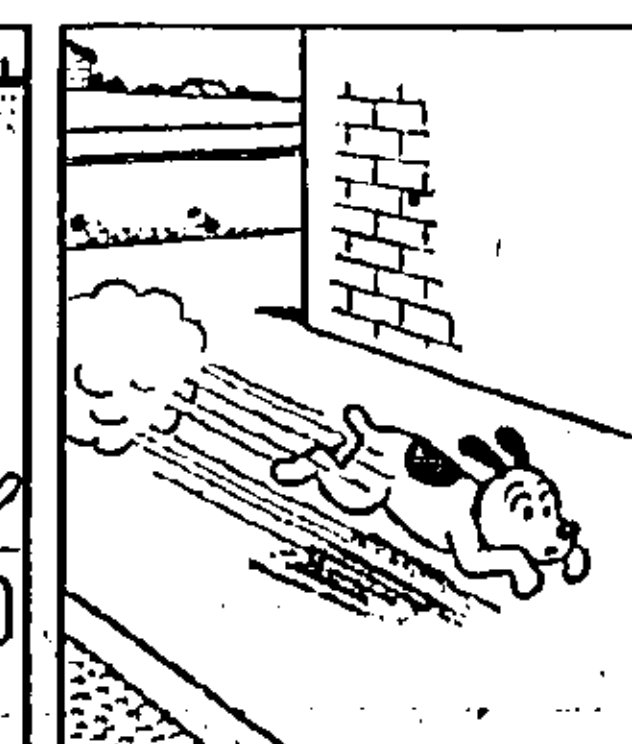
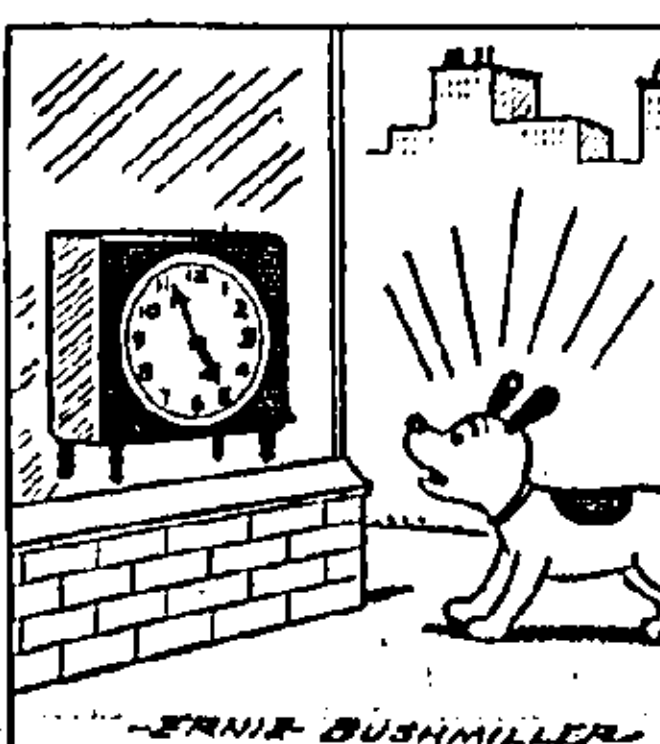
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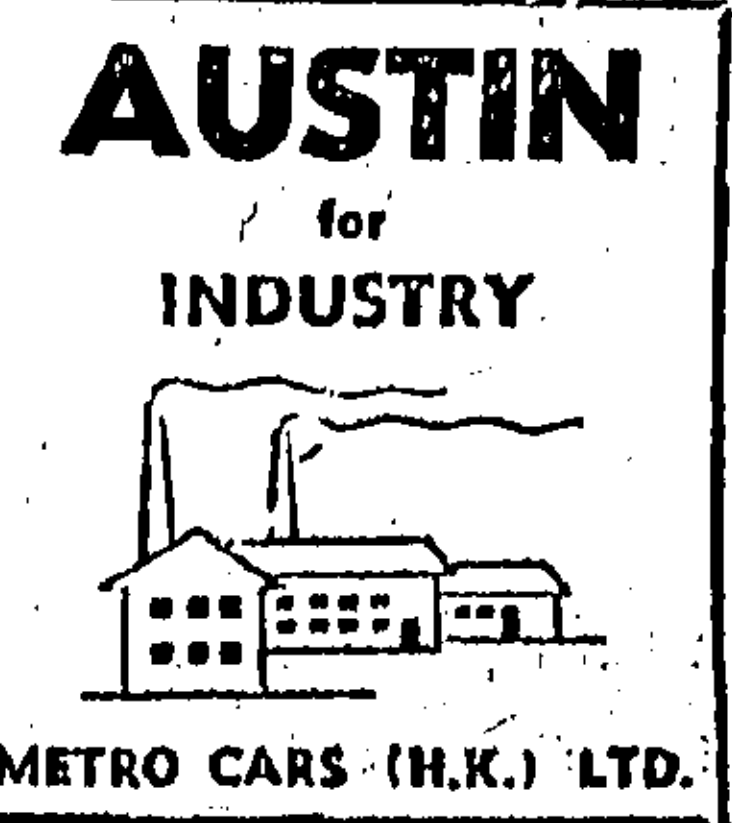
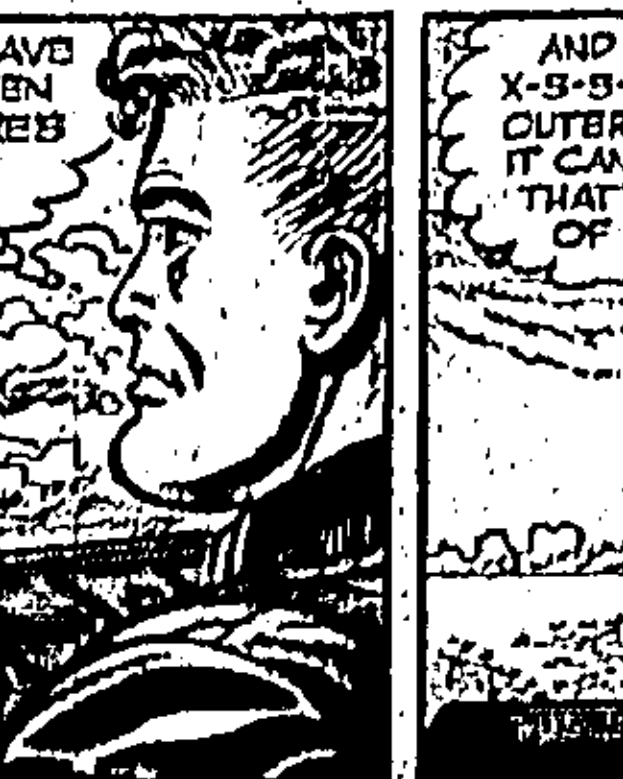
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Call For Help Came Up Through Ship's Ventilator

A seaman told the District Court this morning that as he was half way through a meal in the galley, he heard shouts of "Save Life" coming up from below through a ventilator.

He was Chan Yam. He was giving evidence before Judge B. J. Jennings at the trial of relief seaman, Har Wai, 29, charged with wounding another seaman Man Kwong, with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

The incident was said to have taken place aboard the Royal Inter-ocean Line vessel, Van Spilbergen, moored at Buoy B 13 in the harbour on October 23.

Chief Inspector C. L. Smith is prosecuting.

Chan Yam said when he heard the shouts he rushed to the lower deck and went from cabin to cabin trying to find

where the cries came from. All the cabin doors were closed. Eventually he came upon the right cabin.

He stood outside for a moment to try "Save Life" himself and then opened the door and went in.

He found the accused holding a chopper and the complainant, Man, holding on to the hands of the accused.

Several people had arrived at the cabin by this time, said Chan. A watchman grabbed the accused from behind and told him to drop the knife.

Wriggled Free

The accused wriggled free, dashed down the corridor and entered an officer's cabin. Chan said that he and a fellow-seaman, Wan Cheong, chased the accused, but stopped outside when he entered the officer's cabin.

The trial is proceeding.

Huge Christmas Pudding For Royal Navy

HMS Tamar cooks are baking a huge Christmas pudding weighing 160 lbs.

It will contain 63 lbs of mixed fruit and 16½ lbs of flour and will be flavoured with three pints of Naval rum.

Tomorrow the annual ceremony of the stirring of the pudding will take place at Tamar.

Commander B. W. K. Hewson, Commanding Officer of Tamar will do the stirring.

Then it will be stored to mature for Christmas Day.

USSR Tells Japan To Be Neutral

Moscow, Dec. 3. The Soviet Government has told Japan that she would make an important constructive contribution to the cause of peace and security in the Far East by following a policy of neutrality, Tass, the Soviet News Agency, reported today.

This statement was made in a note headed "to the Japanese Ambassador in Moscow, Mr. S. Kadowaki, by the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. A. A. Gromyko, yesterday.—Reuter.

Two Arrested

Two Chinese boys, aged 13 and 15, have been arrested by the Police in Canton Road following the snatching of a sum of money from another boy yesterday.

A wrist watch was reported stolen from a Chinese woman in Hennessy Road, yesterday evening.

SHARP FALL IN METAL PROFIT

A substantial reduction in the net profit for the year was reported by Mr G. E. Marden, Chairman of Metal Industries Corporation Ltd., at the annual meeting today.

A net profit of \$69,881 was reported. In 1957 profit was \$287,771.

Mr Marden said in his statement:

"The substantial reduction in the profit is largely due to the non-receipt of a dividend from our associated company, Hongkong Rolling Mills Ltd., whose figures, as indicated in my statement last year, have been affected by the fall in scrap values which continue their decline.

"Our associates continue to seek business at the new level of values and are proceeding with plans for their removal to a new and larger site.

"The lack of any progress by the local prospecting interests in which we participated has made it necessary to provide substantially both in respect of the investment and our advances.

No Dividend

"This has been effected by writing back the provision for contingencies and creating special provisions under the appropriate headings.

"The results of these operations as reflected in the accounts are disappointing and preclude the payment of a dividend.

"It is not possible at this stage to indicate any improvement in the situation in the near future and much will depend upon developments in the fields with which our associates are concerned."

The report and statement of accounts were carried unanimously.

Mr J. L. Marden and Mr V. J. Song, who retired by rotation from the Board of Directors, were re-elected.

Messrs Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were re-appointed auditors.

Present at the meeting were Mr G. E. Marden, Mr J. L. Marden, Mr E. C. Smith-Weight, Mr V. J. Song (Directors), Mr Ellis Hayin, Wheelock Marden and Co. Ltd. (represented by Mr J. L. Marden), the Investment Corporation Ltd. and the Loan and Investment Co. Ltd. (both represented by Mr C. W. Grange, who is also a shareholder, and the Allied Investors Corporation Ltd. (represented by Mr W. J. Lee).

A total of 438,260 shares were represented.

Cargo Ship Splits Its Hull

Rijeka, Dec. 2. The 6,240-ton Egyptian cargo vessel Star of Luxor ran aground today four miles from the island of Unia and 40 miles south of Rijeka, Yugoslavia.

The ship was sailing to Rijeka to take on cargo.

It ran onto an underwater rock, splitting its hull through which water is penetrating into its three holds, which means that half the hull is damaged.

The vessel Brodospas, and the tug Abil came to the Star and together with a complete unit of divers aboard the Rezac, which was engaged in rescuing a small boat at nearby Pula.—U.P.I.

Guided Missile Warships For UK

London, Dec. 2. The first British warships designed to launch guided missiles—four anti-aircraft destroyers—will be delivered early in 1960, the Earl of Selkirk, First Lord of the Admiralty, announced today in the House of Lords. They will have taken about three years to build.

Other vessels are being modified to carry these weapons.—France-Press.

Thefts From Cars

Property valued at \$93 was stolen from a private car parked outside No. 9 Perth Street between 7.30 p.m. yesterday and 12.40 a.m. today. Four hub caps were stolen from another private car parked in Peace Avenue, Kowloon City, between 6 a.m. Monday and 6 a.m. Tuesday.

Triad "Fighter" Gets \$250 Fine

A man with a long record as a Triad Society "fighter"—a rank to which he was promoted after five years service—was fined \$250 or six weeks' gaol by Mr Hin-shing Lo today.

He was a member of the Tung Sun Wo Triad. The man was Cheung Kei, aged 33, of 210 Hennessy Road.

Det-Sub-Inspector R. Laurel, said Cheung joined the Society in 1946 as an ordinary member.

Inspector Laurel said that following his promotion in 1950 to "fighter", he took part in many fights with other triad societies.

In August 1950, he was in a fight at Spring Garden Lane with Tan Yee Triad members.

In 1951, he was in a fight with the Luau Tung Ying triad members outside the Takou Dock East gate.

In the same year, he was again in a fight with Tung Luau Shea triad society at the Wanchai Market.

Defendant, who was working as a seaman on board an ocean going steamer, had four previous convictions, Inspector Laurel said.

In addition to the sentence, defendant was ordered to be placed under Police supervision for two years.

In another case at Central Magistracy today a member of the Tung Sun Wo triad society, Wong Yiu-fan, 27, of 267 Queen's Road East, first floor, was sentenced to

four months' gaol by Mr Hin-shing Lo.

Defendant, who had eight previous convictions, was also ordered to be placed under the police supervision for two years.

Det-Sub-Inspector Laurel said Wong admitted he joined the Society in 1951 and was later promoted to the rank of "Cho Hai" an office-bearer after two years' service.

Wong said the ceremony of his promotion took place on the roof of a house in Stone Nullah Lane, Wanchai.

The Tung Sun Wo triad society is a very active society in the Wanchai District, and is one of the leading triad societies in Hongkong, Inspector Laurel added.

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WHEN the Manager of the Hongkong Furniture Store, next to the National City Bank in Queen's Road Central, returned unexpectedly to his shop early on Sunday morning, he was in time to prevent a burglar from completing an attempt to force open a safe.

A hole approximately two by three inches square had been cut through the top of the safe, and the burglar, a former employee, was lying nearby.

Exhausted by his labours he had dropped into an easy chair, was soundly asleep when roused by the unexpected entry and was immediately arrested.

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"Kellett Lodge," No. 180 The Peak, the residence of the late Hon. Mr A.R. Lowe, was offered for sale by public auction in Messrs Lammer's rooms yesterday. A reserve price of \$30,000 was fixed, but as there were no offers the property was withdrawn.

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IN a comment on the naval and military lands in Victoria, a correspondent who signs himself "W" wrote the following letter to the South China Morning Post: "If Hongkong is primarily a Naval base or a military camp for the purpose of extending the British Empire there may be some sense in holding the positions the Army and Navy do at present, though even that may be argued.

"But if Hongkong is first a commercial port, it is necessary to go into this subject again and again until it is settled.

"Here is a great town of 400,000 or 500,000 people cut in two by a Naval Yard and some military quarters. Why? "The Naval Yard is one built for sailing ships and gradually fitted with certain modern equipment, and it needs to be rebuilt for modern requirements.

"Now this could be done at Shaukiwan Bay, Kowloon Bay or Hungshom Bay, and possibly a dockyard might be purchased in or near any of these bays.

"A great site for building and city extension could be opened up and half the proceeds given to build or purchase the necessary dock. Why should this not be pressed?"

FOUR BOUGHT FOR SCRAP AND... Another HK Ship Sold To China

Another Hongkong ship has been sold to China. She is the 3,341 (gross) ton Easby.

She was one of two ships sold to China last week, according to Lloyd's list and Shipping Gazette. The other is the prewar Danish vessel Asbjorn.

The Easby, formerly owned by James Patterson & Co. Pty Ltd, Melbourne, was built in Sydney.

Four ships have been bought by Hongkong companies for scrapping. They are the Gatusha, Herakles, Lorraine and Moldova. Lloyd's placed the sales price at around £10 to £11 per ton gross.

The Gatusha, formerly the Cavina has a gross tonnage of 6,923. She was fitted as a banana carrying passenger liner and was later converted into a cattle carrier. Built in 1928 the ship was owned by the General Commerce Corporation Ltd., and was sold for scrapping to Dah Chong Hong, Hongkong Ltd.

The Herakles, built in 1910 was owned by the Mattson Shipping Company and sold to Molters. She is a tramp steamer of 4,110 (gross) tons.

The Moldova was bought by Pat Mansfield and Company from Wallem and Company. Built in 1912 she has a gross tonnage of 4,748. She is also a tramp steamer.

The 6,211 (gross) ton Lorraine, built in 1930 and owned by Wheelock Marden and Company was bought by the Hongkong Rolling Mill for \$70,000.



DR YEO AT LONDON CONFERENCE

Dr K. C. Yeo (above), former Director of Medical and Health Services in Hongkong was among the overseas representatives at the General Medical Council Centenary Session recently held in London. He conveyed best wishes from Hongkong.

For 100 years the General Medical Council has been responsible for maintaining standards and ethics of the medical profession in Britain. It has reciprocity with medical councils in a number of Commonwealth countries including Hongkong.

New 15-storey Building For Central

Plans for a 15-storey building to cost \$885,000 were laid before Tenancy Tribunal this morning. It is proposed to replace 39-41 Des Voeux Road Central by a modern structure comprising offices and a department store which will take 14 months to complete.

Mr Leslie Wright on the instructions of Lo and Lo appeared for the applicant who is the proprietor of the Jam Fair Company and other textile piece goods firms.

Mr H.H.B. How, President and Mr B. T. Flanagan with Mr C. M. Liang, Tribunal members heard evidence by Mr H. S. Tam, authorised architect, describing the existing building as 40-year-old houses of four storeys occupying a site in a particularly good area.

Red Gunfire

Taipei, Dec. 3. Guns on the China mainland opened up today—in odd-hours—at 1.10 a.m. Twenty-eight shells were fired at the Quemoy complex, the Defence Ministry said.

The front-line was otherwise quiet this morning.—France-Press.

EMBEZZLED \$100: MAN IS GAOLED

A 28-year-old shop fohi, Tong Yau-yin, who embezzled \$100 from his employer, was sentenced to three months' gaol by Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central Magistracy this morning.

He pleaded guilty. Inspector Fung Shu-tung said Tong was employed as a shop fohi in the Wai Kee Tailor Shop at No. 13 Stanley Street, ground floor.

On Saturday last, he was sent by his employer to deliver sewing material to a customer.

The employer, Lee Wai-man asked him when he returned whether he had collected any money. He replied in the negative.

Later, the employer found out that Tong had collected \$300. A report was then made to the Police and Tong was arrested.

He said he met a friend in the street. He lent him \$100 because he was sick. The police recovered \$200.

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